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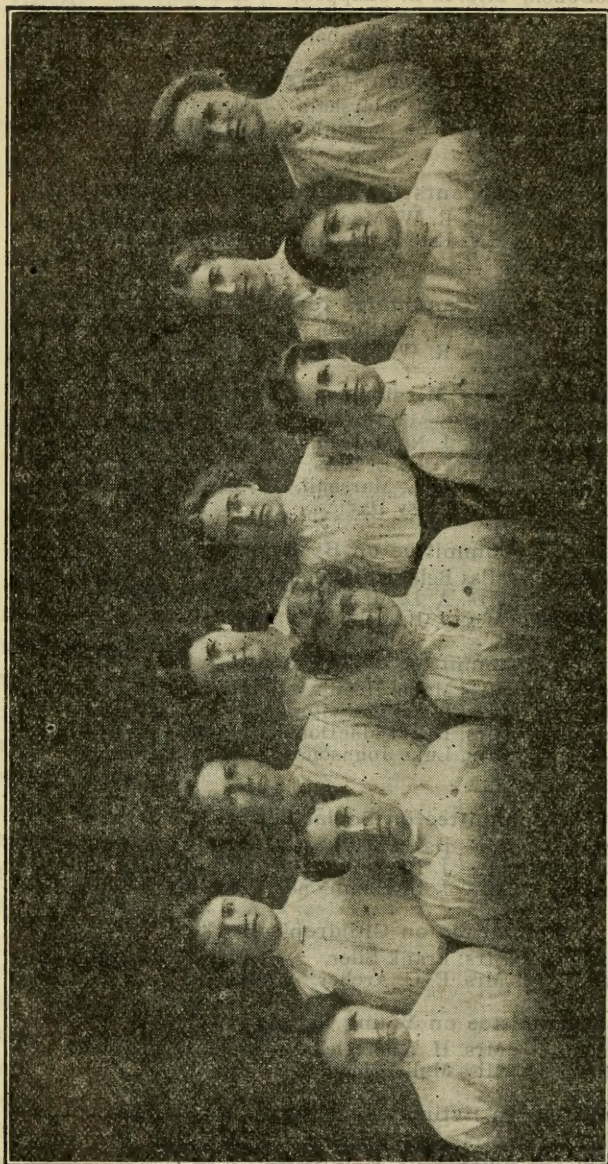
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 Miss Margaret Webster was ill when the picture was taken.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CHINA.

“Behold what God hath wrought!”

THE marvelous changes that are taking place in China to-day constitute a call to service that might fire the spirit of the dullest. When in all the history of the world has such a summons come to the men of a generation? “And it comes to the women as well as the men. More than half the missionaries in China are women, and hundreds more are needed. Evangelistic, educational, and medical work for women and girls must be conducted by women missionaries from the West. The character of the homes and the new position of women in Chinese society will be largely determined by them. No nation rises above the moral level of its wives and mothers, and all our plans for the regeneration of China must fail unless the women of Europe and America respond with prompt and unselfish service. It is surely time for the Christian Churches of Europe and America to understand that their greatest work in the twentieth century is to plan this movement on a scale gigantic in comparison with anything they have yet done and to meet intelligently, generously, and prayerfully the splendid opportunity to give new China the principles of a new life. ‘The obstacles are formidable, . . . and the banner which we now carry in the fight, though perhaps at some moment of the struggle it may droop over our sinking hearts, will float again in the eye of Heaven and will be borne perhaps not to an easy but to a certain and to a not distant victory.’ ‘Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars,’ our Lord calmly said to his disciples. ‘See that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass.’ ‘This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations.’ ‘Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.’ ‘And who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?’” (Arthur J. Brown, in “The Chinese Revolution.”)

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

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SHANGHAI.

MISS HELEN LEE RICHARDSON, 1890, St. Louis Conference.

MISS ELIZABETH CLAIBORNE (at home), 1905, Memphis Conference.

MISS JULIA WASSON, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS CLARA PARK, 1909, South Georgia Conference.

MISS LEILA JUDSON TUTTLE, 1909, Western North Carolina Conference.

MISS MAY HIXSON, 1910, Missionary Teacher.

McTYEIRE SCHOOL.

Miss Helen Lee Richardson, Principal, reports as follows:

My connection with McTyeire for the past year has been for only five months. I returned from America in April, having been away from China a year and a half in search of health. The search was most successful, and I am now entering my twenty-third year's work, hoping, if it be God's will, to spend another twenty years here.

A retrospective glance just at this time may be of interest. My connection with the school began the first year of its history, and has continued in one relation or another right through the years. I have seen the enrollment increase from five to two hundred, filling not only McTyeire proper but the McGavock Memorial, the parsonage, and we are now encroaching upon the church itself. We have united the rooms at the north of the church for our last overflow and are holding our chapel exercises in the church, as it is impossible to get into the school chapel. School fees have increased from forty-two dollars a year to two hundred and fifty; teaching staff from three to twenty-three. The attitude toward Christianity has completely changed; the atmosphere of the school is entirely Christian. Each year shows greater desire on the part of the pupils to become Christians, and each year records a larger list of communicants. This year fourteen young women were received into the Church. Nearly twice as many applied for membership and were pronounced by our pastor, Mr. Tsa, as ready to be received, but they are awaiting the removal of parental opposition.

Many of the pupils of twenty-three years ago are married and have established Christian homes. Ten or fifteen children from these homes are now in the school, forming an altogether different type from the children who come to us from heathen homes.

Probably at no one point is greater advancement seen than in the quality of the teaching done by the young women who have gone out as teachers. Our primary department is entirely in the hands of these



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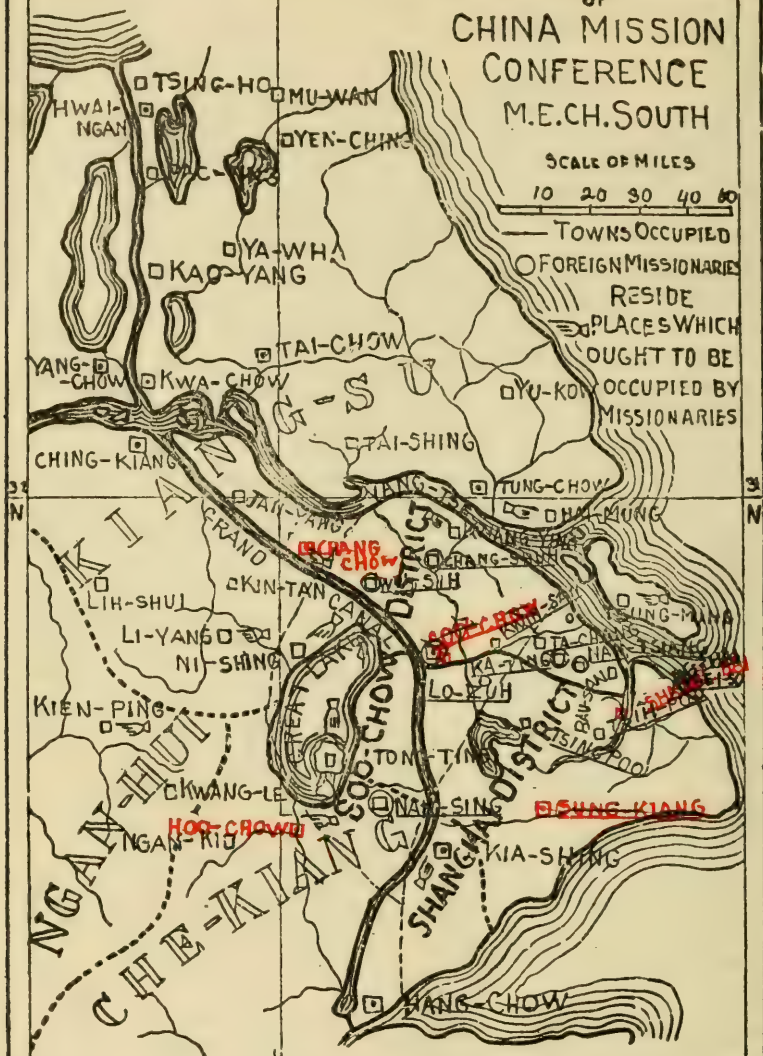
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E.M. GARDNER.

Chinese teachers, and they are doing thorough and acceptable work. Not only is this true in the school, but in the Sunday school and Church as well. Frequent requests come to us from different parts of China wanting to secure our graduates as teachers.

It is a most interesting fact that, so far as we can learn, all our young women who marry are marrying educated young men, most of whom have been abroad for education. Twenty-five of our young women have been or are now abroad for high or special work. Matriculation for the present term was exactly two hundred. The enrollment for the entire year, however, has been two hundred and twenty-five and from ten provinces, showing that China is awake and that literally her women *are moving*. I do not mean that these pupils are refugees, but that they have come from their homes for the special purpose of studying in McTyeire.

Each year shows better grading and classification. A large number of the two hundred and twenty-five pupils in the school have been with us from four to ten years, which means more than an opportunity for book learning; it means disciplined character and Christian living.

The year has had a number of seeming misfortunes. In January last Miss Houser was called to America; in March Mr. Van, who had been with us for ten years, was taken ill, and finally resigned; Miss Claiborne left us in June for her furlough; Misses Zau and Zung both left us in July; Miss Park was detained in Japan for nearly a month after school opened. All these changes have made the year a most unusual one. Our losses, however, have not all been crosses, and we have had much over which to rejoice. For instrumental music we have a superior teacher. Her time has been so taken up elsewhere, though, that she can give us only two mornings a week, and that only till the end of January. Mrs. Black, from the foreign community, has our vocal work. Mr. Crane, also from the foreign community, has the science. He has given perfect satisfaction, and we should be most pleased to retain him through the year; but he could only make an engagement till the end of January, at which time we shall again be at sea for a science teacher.

The mothers' meetings, though never fully attended, were always a time for seed-sowing and uplift. A Chinese woman's horizon is so limited, she is so unacquainted, so timid that any social contact is worth while; it helps to break down that middle wall of partition between them and us, between heathenism and Christianity.

It is with much gratitude that we are able to report a promise from the Council to make us a grant for enlargement, and most generously are they helping us to plan for buildings that will be adequate to meet our ever-increasing need. Having been authorized by the Council to study the situation fully in all its details with reference to the future of McTyeire, and having been requested to find out what

the Chinese would do to help us in our plans for expansion, I invited a number of our patrons to meet at McTyeire November 19. In putting the matter before them I proposed at once that *they give us* between thirty and sixty mow of land upon which to erect our new buildings. I indicated the locality selected and asked that as far as possible their action be immediate. A committee was formed at once, with Mr. Wu Ting Fang as chairman, and a larger meeting before adjournment was arranged for to convene on the 29th of November. The committee met at the appointed time with twice as many present as at first. It was at once patent that they had come together with one thought and one purpose. The meeting lasted an hour, and was one of appreciation, enthusiasm, and determination. There was no word of opposition or discordant note sounded. Just before adjournment, in order to be sure, I thought I would ask for a definite statement as to what their intention was. The following was their reply: "We propose to provide the land for McTyeire expansion, and to do it within a year. We propose to raise 80,000,000 taels [\$60,000 gold] for this purpose, and more if possible. The amount of land we secure will depend somewhat on the locality, but it is our intention to provide eighty mow [over sixteen acres]." They felt sure that we might plan to commence building within a year.

The promised response to our appeal for enlargement both in America and China has been all that we could ask, and now it is sincerely hoped that promises will not be long in being translated into land and buildings.

Each of the teachers in McTyeire has done splendid work and has found happiness in the service rendered. Miss Wasson says: "Of all the work I have ever done, nothing else has given me such real joy as I am finding in teaching the Bible to young women who are so earnestly and responsively seeking to know God's word. Of the twenty-two students in the three Bible classes in my care, all are Christians except two, though all are not members of the Church."

Miss Park gives an additional insight into the religious life of the school, as follows:

Our students' prayer meetings have been more interesting and larger than in previous years. Our friends from outside have been most kind, coming in for meetings, bringing helpful, strong messages as well as a wholesome, outside touch. One week of special services were held in May by Rev. Mr. Li, of Soochow. All felt from the first afternoon service that he was God's messenger to us. Many who have been in McTyeire for a number of years say that never have we had so gracious a meeting, such an outpouring of the Spirit, and such universal interest. The girls were concerned about getting their mothers to attend; and one dear, brave girl, when she finally succeeded in getting

her mother to come, said that she scarcely heard the message that afternoon, she was praying so earnestly that the speaker would give some direct message to her mother. We have reason to believe that she received light. She had always forbidden the daughter to speak to her on the subject of religion and had never before been to a Christian service, but her eagerness in staying for the after service and her close attention encouraged the daughter to take the decisive step when Mr. Li at the close of the service asked all to stand who had decided to accept Christ and connect themselves with the Church. Twenty-six girls stood under this proposition. Not all, however, were allowed to be received.

At the last service held by Mr. Li he spoke earnestly of the need of consecrated lives to work among the women. Before closing he said their earnest faces impelled him to ask if any of those present would consecrate their lives to do definite Christian work as the Lord should direct, and six girls stood without a moment's hesitation, and before the day had passed the number was increased to twelve.

Miss May Hixson in her gratitude says:

Thanks be to our Father that he has given me the privilege of having a part in the great work he is carrying on through this mission! It is blessed to be here, to have a part in the educative processes that are lifting this people, that are enabling them to partake of the glorious blessings of the gospel.

Miss Leila Judson Tuttle says:

My third year in China has been my best not only because of the things I've found to do and the strength that has been given with which to do them, but most of all because it has confirmed me in the faith that every year spent in the Master's service is better than the one gone before.

A year ago, while hastily passing through the name-strewn desert of the first chapters of First Chronicles, I found this oasis: "And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, O that thou wouldst . . . enlarge my border, and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou wouldst keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him that which he requested." I found this spot so refreshing that I have lingered about it during the year, praying the prayer of Jabez and receiving in some measure his answer. My border has been enlarged and God has been with me in blessing far greater than my devotion has merited.

McTyeire has grown steadily and her force of foreign teachers has diminished in like manner until those of us who remain have more of work and responsibility than we can manage satisfactorily, and yet there is compensation of joy in the abundance of opportunity.

On Friday evenings we have a volunteer Bible class where a few of us meet for an informal reading and study of some book selected by the girls themselves. The students have their own prayer circles, and it seems that there is a wholesome religious atmosphere in the school aside from that which might be attributed to the direct efforts of the teachers. We are all working together toward the ideal of a well-proportioned woman—one that thinks, prays, works. May sympathetic coöperation characterize our efforts and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit lead us to higher levels of sweetness and light!

SUNGKIANG.

MISS NELL D. DRAKE, 1907, Mississippi Conference.

MISS ALICE G. WATERS, 1892, Memphis Conference.

MRS. JULIA A. GAITHER, 1892, North Georgia Conference.

MISS IRENE KING, 1905, Missouri Conference.

MISS NETTIE PEACOCK (at home), 1906, South Georgia Conference.

MISS BESS COMBS, 1911, Missouri Conference.

SUSAN B. WILSON SCHOOL.

Miss Alice G. Waters, Principal:

The year has brought many changes and many interruptions to the school. The first change was the transfer of Mrs. Harris to Soochow. The girls whom she had taught for three years were sorrowful over her going. However, they were soon rejoicing over the coming of their new teachers, Miss Combs and Miss Manns.

At China New Year Miss Peacock left us for America. My own time until April was divided between the school and the outstation work. In March Miss Combs fell ill of smallpox, and was away from us for many weeks. In September, just after school had opened with the brightest prospects for the year that we have ever had, Miss Manns was stricken with cholera, and in one week she was taken from us. Our loss, our grief is inexpressible. "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it." We know that it is all right. Through our blinding tears we look up and say: "Thy will be done." We are grateful that God gave her to us for even one short year, a year that we shall always like to remember. Her bodily presence is with us no more, yet her influence abides, and *will* abide in the lives of pupils and teachers.

This Conference year, while it records so much of disappointment, so many changes, illness, and death in our midst, has in many respects been the best year in our history. In the spring our enrollment was eighty-seven. This fall, including our children in the kindergarten which we have just opened, our enrollment is ninety-nine. We have seen more of our girls come into the Church this year than during

any previous year, making our present number of Church members forty-seven. A year ago I reported the work of the girls in the outside Sunday schools. I will only add that their interest is unflagging and their zeal increases. We have an Epworth League with thirty-five members.

We needed a kindergarten department; and as we had no room that could be used for that purpose, I asked the Board of Trustees if they would lend us the boys' school building. They kindly granted my request; and now we have the kindergarten, the first two years' primary work, and a girls' day school there. We know, however, that we cannot have this building very long; and we are asking the Council for permission to build a chapel and some additional schoolrooms. We have in the attic two unoccupied rooms, and can take about twenty-five more boarders; but we cannot put more seats in the present chapel nor more tables in the dining room. We have no room in the school which would be altogether suitable for a kindergarten.

Miss Bess Combs writes:

The ways of the Lord are always best. My first year in China! Had I had the planning of it, it would not have been just as it has been; but how thankful I am that the planning was not in my hands! This has been the richest year of my life. If from the human point of view my first year in China has been a failure so far as anything that I have accomplished is concerned, I know it has not been in the development of my own life. That is richer in many respects, and one of the things that has enriched it most was the beautiful life of Miss Manns. I thank the Lord for the year we lived and loved together and now that I can rejoice in her joy, which is full.

Our afternoon Sunday school is most interesting. The older girls from the school and some of the women from the Bible school do the teaching, and I try to keep order. The three small rooms that we occupy would comfortably seat about thirty children each. Last Sunday in one room were seventy girls, and in another sixty-five boys. Some of you may think me visionary when I say that some day we shall have a large Institutional Church here.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of service and for his bounties which do so abundantly fill my life.

HAYES-WILKINS MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

Mrs. Julia A. Gaither, Principal:

The past Conference year has been full of blessing. We have had nothing to make us complain, but everything to make us thankful. The total enrollment for the year has reached seventy-seven. Among them there are forty-five Church members and eight probationers.

Nearly all these women do some Christian work. They lead meetings, help in receiving outsiders, and some help in the Bertha Barnett Chapel and others in the Sunday school for street children.

Eight women received their certificates in the summer, and all except one are doing Bible woman's work.

Many of these women enter the school not knowing a character. It is often surprising to see how quickly they learn to read.

The discipline of the school has been getting easier all the time. The pupils are all selected women; we are very careful about those we receive. It is hard to refuse them, but it must be done for the good of the school. We have had some to train for the Presbyterians, some for the Baptists, and some for the Door of Hope. Two members of the Episcopal Church entered the school, but they have since joined our Church.

We have four Chinese teachers in the school, also two helpers.

From the standpoint of self-support we are trying to do all we can. Many of the women are widows, and they are poor. Tuition used to be free, but of late all must pay \$1 for tuition and \$3 for board. This is required according to their ability. If they do not remain in the school until the course of study is completed, they are required to pay full board from the date of entrance. Nearly all the women that have gone out from the school are engaged in Christian work. Some of the younger ones have married. But are not Christian homes as much needed as Bible women? The Christian home is an educator; there the real lessons of life are learned.

The Bible women are all doing good, faithful work. They visit from house to house, lead meetings, teach probationers, and do various kinds of Christian work. I close this report with a heart full of gratitude, thankfulness, and praise to my Heavenly Father for the privilege of having some part in this blessed work.

OUTSTATION WORK.

Miss Irene S. King:

The aim of all of our outstation work is evangelistic. We use various means to do the work. Some of them are wise, some of them unwise, possibly, but all are used for the one purpose, that the light of the knowledge of Jesus Christ which "hath shined in our hearts" may shine in the hearts of the women and children of China.

We operate ten outstations. There are resident Bible women and day schools in four of these places. Four other places are worked through the day schools. Two places are visited regularly by Bible women.

DAY SCHOOLS.

There are nine under my supervision—eight schools for girls and one school for boys. The girls' schools are taught by earnest Christian women. Four of the schools are taught by girls who are products of

boarding schools. These schools are up to date educationally. The course of study is practically the same as the first four years of the course in the Susan B. Wilson School, in Sungkiang. The best of our day school girls find their way eventually to the Susan B. Wilson School for further training. There is an increasing ambition among our girls to stay with us till they finish their four years' work and receive a certificate. We had our first graduates last spring. The day school gave a program of songs and recitations in the afternoon. Some ninety invited guests were present. One little girl declared that if finishing the day school course could be made glorious like that, she was quite willing to toil over her books till her own glorious day was due.

Four of the girls' schools are not up to date educationally, but we do believe in them as an evangelistic agency. For this, the greatest reason for their existence, we continue them. Three of these schools are taught by pastors' wives. They feel that they are too young to visit from house to house, but want to do something to help their own people.

In one of these old-fashioned day schools there is an interesting Epworth League. The teacher of this school acts not only as village instructress, but as President of the Epworth League, Sunday school teacher, church organist, pastor's assistant, and district nurse.

The girls taught in our day schools are open to the teachings of Christianity. If they continue with us through the course of study, they are well grounded in Bible truth. Few of them as yet have entered the Church, because in nineteen cases out of twenty they meet with strong opposition in their homes. It does not seem best to urge little children to stand against this opposition.

The one boys' school is located in Sungkiang. I am very busy with the eight girls' day schools and the Bible woman's work. I am unwilling to close this boys' school, however, for I believe the Board of Missions will soon be able to take hold of this boys' day school problem. When they do, I have this school to give them. Mr. Clarke, of the Y. M. C. A., who is in Sungkiang for the winter, has organized a boys' club among the boys of the school. They meet on Saturday afternoon for volley ball and other games, and on Sunday morning they have the Bible study. Mr. Clarke finds the boys very responsive, and we see young lives waking to meet the needs of the day in China.

BIBLE WOMAN'S WORK.

There are five Bible women and the three assistant Bible women in my work. These are all stationed. Three of them visit other villages on their circuit twice a month. Some of the Bible women help with the day school teaching in the morning. They spend their afternoons in house-to-house visiting. They hold one evangelistic meeting every week for the heathen women. These meetings are well attended, and

good interest is shown. The Bible women have no special meetings of their own on Sunday. They give the entire day to the regular Church work in their own village Church.

No greater opportunity presents itself than the one we have in our Sunday school work in Sungkiang. I give my entire day on Sunday to the city work. My morning Sunday school class is small, often consisting of two probationers, but the time spent is well worth while. The afternoon Sunday school is held in a rented room on the main street of the city.

My Sunday work enables me to catch a vision of the wonderful possibilities awaiting an evangelistic worker in Sungkiang. With my district work and the other ladies tied down as they are with school work, it is simply impossible for them to give even time to the supervision of the native workers. In our planning and our praying we are asking for an evangelistic worker who will give her whole time to Sungkiang.

Practically all of my work has to be reached by *slow* boat. In things spiritual in China we go against the tide; but when the house boat moves out, it must be *with the tide*. We can't choose our own time for sailing, so our work is made more difficult because we often have to stop and wait for a favorable tide. Some of the stations are twenty-four hours from Sungkiang. This makes it difficult to give close supervision to the work, which is already extensive. More workers are needed for the district.

SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

SOOCHOW AND CHANGCHOW STATIONS.

Miss Virginia M. Atkinson, Secretary:

The history of our Soochow District for the year ending September 30, 1912, deserves more space and more eloquence than can be given to it in this report. It was truly a good year. Blessings met us at every step and every turn—blessings that we did not even know how to ask for or to think out. The revolution began in one part of China before the last session of our Conference had adjourned, and some of us had many misgivings about what would happen to us and our beloved work and people after returning to our stations. We knew, however, that we would be led day by day, and it was with this knowledge that we took up our work again. Our Chinese had been telling us that a revolution was coming sooner or later, that the revolutionists had plenty of money and influence, and that it was going to be a time of danger to us, though the leaders were to be men of enlightenment and good intentions. As the days passed by and city after city went over to these men practically without bloodshed, our enthusiasm and hopes went higher and higher. The regular work on the district was scarcely

disturbed at all, for from the beginning the leaders announced their intention of protecting foreigners and the Church. As many of the foremost men and some of the soldiers were Christians, our mission work as such did not suffer from them; but, on the contrary, God's cause was popular as never before, and many who formerly denounced us became friendly, and many who were convinced of the truth of the gospel, but had been afraid to openly acknowledge Christ, threw off their fetters and joined our ranks. Our Christian teachers and preachers, both in this city and at country stations, have received recognition in ways unheard of before, and by their wisdom and fidelity have raised the standard of Christians everywhere. The half of what this revolution has meant to us can never be told, though there are many to follow this with accounts of their specific blessings. Our thanks must be given to God, for it is he alone who has worked so wondrously through and for this wonderful people among whom he allows us to live and labor.

Our Woman's Missionary Council had during most of the year nineteen regularly employed workers in this district, and Misses Margarita Park and Cecil Anderson had charge respectively of independent kindergarten and industrial work for children and young women. Our associate workers have worked or helped whenever circumstances permitted, and our brethren have helped individually and collectively, giving us of their sympathy and strength.

LAURA HAYGOOD SCHOOL.

The Laura Haygood School, with Miss Pyle as Principal, continues to prosper and has had a record year as to enrollment and results. Those of us who knew Miss Haygood and who had our ideals of Christian character and service raised by her own lofty ones feel every year that this institution deserves more and more to bear her name. Mrs. Harris will be going on furlough soon, so Miss Hayes was welcome indeed when she arrived in October. Miss Drake is on furlough, and we regret that some more furloughs are due soon, but are asking that their places may be filled next autumn.

The faculty have opened up two day schools very near the school, and one of these schools will hereafter be reported as a part of the primary department of the Laura Haygood School.

Mary Black Hospital, Medical School, Nurse-Training School, and the Evangelistic Department are all on firm foundations and in safe hands. They also had a record year of usefulness and progress, of which those who have done the good work will tell in detail. We note with pleasure and pride that the Medical School and the Nurse-Training School are growing rapidly, thus proving how much they were needed. Dr. Polk is no longer alone in the work of the hospital proper, for Dr. Ethel Polk came in October and has taken hold of the work so naturally that it seems as if she has always been here.

KONG HONG WORK.

Miss Rogers worked this important station from Tien Sz Tsaung for more than a year, but as soon as possible she and her mother moved to Kong Hong into very crowded quarters. The evangelistic work, the day school, and the kindergarten are all developing splendidly, and Miss Rogers is just the one to keep it developing. Miss Herndon was appointed there in October, and seems to be just the one that Miss Rogers was waiting for. A suitable house with plenty of room has been found for the work and the Chinese helpers, so that they will be able to spread out and command a better quality of patronage.

WEST SOOCHOW.

West Soochow, or Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen, has kept seven women busy most of the year. Miss Lester went home in May, and Miss Burkhead came in October. There are six departments of work—the Davidson Girls' School, the kindergartens, the Kindergarten Training School, the Industrial School, the large day schools, and the evangelistic work for women. Seven more missionaries could be profitably placed even in the existing work, to say nothing of our future hopes.

CHANGCHOW.

This is the only station on this district outside of Soochow itself where we have foreign missionaries living. Our three ladies there, Misses Anderson, Leveritt, and Foster, make their home in an old Chinese house at the North Gate. Miss Leveritt's and Miss Foster's work is at the North Gate and consists of one large day school for girls and evangelistic work among the women and children. Miss Anderson has worked East Gate from this center and has a day school and woman's work. We are just now bargaining for a house at East Gate in which Miss Anderson and her new helper can live, thus saving the time and strength expended in going back and forth every day. God is phenomenally blessing the work at Changchow, and we must prepare largely with workers and funds. The door is open, the people are willing, and we must not disappoint them.

SOOCHOW OUTSTATION WOMAN'S WORK.

This work has been helped especially by the changed attitude of the people, and Miss M. C. White, who has had charge of it, is full of enthusiasm for the future. We have not been blind to the fact that Miss White's double appointment is too much for any one person, and we were glad indeed to welcome Miss Wales, who arrived in October and who was sent especially to help in the district outstation evangelistic work, which, with a sufficient number of workers and funds, can be developed and increased indefinitely.

The district outstation day schools were given to Miss Pyle at the last Conference; but she found close supervision impossible because of duties requiring immediate attention nearer home, and so she turned them back to the Secretary on October 1. There are two of these schools which are most interesting. We should have a school at each important station visited by Miss White, but we can develop these schools only when we have at least one experienced missionary appointed to them and more funds with which to make them respectable.

The work of the year is in God's hands. He will separate the wheat from the chaff, the gold, silver, and precious stones from the hay and stubble, and bless what he can use because of the spirit in which it has been done.

OUR NEEDS.

These needs may seem appalling, but we bring them together that they may make a larger impression. They are:

An increased appropriation in almost every department, especially where Bible women's specials and girls' scholarships are falling off.

One new missionary and a music teacher for Laura Haygood School.

One new evangelistic worker for Mary Black Hospital.

One new missionary or missionary teacher for the Davidson Memorial.

One trained kindergartner.

One designer and evangelistic worker for the Industrial School.

One new missionary for Changchow North Gate work.

One new missionary for district outstation day school work.

The Davidson Memorial needs an annex and the Kindergarten Training School needs to buy a corner of land adjoining it and an appropriation for building an annex.

There are several different appointments and stations in Soochow: (1) Tien-Sz-Tsaung, in which are located the Laura Haygood School; the Mary Black Hospital, with its hospital work, medical school, nurse-training school, and evangelistic department; the Soochow University, with its various school buildings, dormitories, and professors' home, and the men's hospital and residences of physicians. (2) Kong Hong, near the center of the city, with a church on one of the principal streets, and our own day school and kindergarten work (this is where the great tent meetings are held). (3) West Soochow, or Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen, where are located the Davidson Girls' School, the kindergarten, the Kindergarten Training School, the Industrial School, the large day schools, and the evangelistic work for women.

LAURA HAYGOOD SCHOOL.

MISS MARTHA E. PYLE, 1892, Southwest Missouri Conference.

MISS JANIE WATKINS, 1904, Mississippi Conference.

MISS KATE SMALLWOOD, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MRS. S. S. HARRIS, 1907, Florida Conference.

MISS EDITH HAYES, 1912, North Alabama Conference.

• Miss Martha E. Pyle, Principal:

We returned from Conference last year to find some of our students from distant places already called home because of the revolution. For some days express letters and departures were the order of the day. It was a relief at last to have them all in the safety of their own homes; for no wisdom, however profound, was sufficient to foretell that dangers might not arise.

Almost as soon as our buildings were vacated some students from Davidson Memorial were brought over for the purpose of greater protection. The pleasure that came to us through them and the members of their faculty who were with us at that time has made those weeks a happy memory.

After the fall of Soochow and Nanking, we called our students in again, and the term's work was brought up remarkably well.

The success of the revolution imparted to our girls a spirit of hope and happiness beyond anything known before. This optimistic state of mind gave zest to work and created a beautiful atmosphere in school. The entire record for the year is worthy of the first year of the republic.

The missionary members of our faculty for the whole year have been Miss Watkins, Miss Smallwood, Miss Longden, and Mrs. Harris. Each of those ladies will make report of the work she has had in charge. Miss Drake was with us for one month of work after the reopening of school; and Miss Tyler, a refugee missionary from the Methodist Mission in Szechuen, was with us for three months during the spring term. At present Mrs. Whiteside is very kindly teaching a class in Latin for us. Miss Hayes has begun some classroom work in addition to the study of the language. Mrs. Smart has also done us a great favor by giving one of our students some voice-training.

The school is most fortunate in the Chinese members of the faculty. All are faithful, capable workers.

The enrollment for the year has been one hundred and ten. Including fifteen little girls in a branch school that we have just opened, we have one hundred and twenty-five. The present enrollment is one hundred and four.

A little field work has been attempted in the interest of Christian education. I took Mr. Zao, one of our teachers, and three students to Changchow to address a large woman's meeting that Miss Anderson

had arranged for us. It was a happy venture. The speeches were good, having been carefully prepared, and could not but have an effect upon the hearers, while the reflex influence was to increase the zeal for the welfare of others in the hearts of the speakers. The beautiful hospitality extended to us by Miss Anderson and Miss Leveritt, together with the attractiveness of the fast-growing work at each of the two points in Changchow, made a deep impression upon these young women. Some few months later a party of eight women, some of whom had met us at Changchow and who were interested in government schools, came to visit the Laura Haygood, manifesting the keenest interest in all that could be shown them, and one student matriculated. Miss Watkins took some girls and went with Miss White to a similar meeting in Zang Zok, with even greater immediate results. Would that it were possible for us to do more of this kind of work!

For another year we have had the very great privilege of Pastor Li's close association with the school. For several years he has led our weekly prayer meeting in school whenever he could be in Soochow.

During this year we have also had Dr. Yang with us twice for a week at a time. His services produced deep thoughtfulness on the part of the students and made lasting impressions.

Another of our blessings has been to have Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gordon guests in our home for a week this autumn and to have many of his quiet inspirational talks to us and the school.

The actual Church membership of our students numbers twenty-three. There are seven or eight children of Christian parentage who are making preparation for Church membership. A very large number of our students publicly expressed their intention of giving themselves to Christ and uniting with the Church, but so far none from heathen homes have been permitted to receive baptism.

Early in the year one of our students, who is a bright convert to Christianity and who had been asking permission of her parents for three years to unite with the Church, wrote home, again repeating her request. The answer, as usual, said: "No." The following day came another letter from her father, written out of the depths of his heart, saying that he could no longer refuse his permission, since he realized that it was opposed to the whole spirit of the republic for him to dictate her religion to her. I have seldom witnessed such happiness as was hers the night she took the vows of the Church.

In November we celebrated our tenth anniversary. At a review of the decade we cannot but exclaim: "What hath God wrought!" The Laura Haygood was not the outgrowth of any former work. It was opened with two pupils, without buildings, without prestige, without a link with the past, without a demand on the part of those who needed it. It was purely a venture in behalf of self-centered, self-satisfied young womanhood, with the task of winning them from a state

of luxurious idleness to the quest for wisdom and for the holy grail of a pure and loving heart.

Several hundred students have been here for a longer or shorter period of time. Four girls have been graduated from the high school. Twenty-six girls have received certificates from the intermediate department. Two girls have received certificates from the preparatory course in music.

With about one hundred students and a strong faculty won from the first ten years, we turn our faces with high hope and courage and faith to the next decade of larger usefulness.

Miss Janie Watkins:

A correct measure of the success of the year's work must take account of the prayer and of the spirit of joy in service that have gone with the daily rounds. Of these, one makes no report, but one is glad for the inspiration that has made these rounds privileges instead of tasks. Neither does one report the personal talks with pupils, the times of Bible-reading, and of the life and courage one has sought to inspire; but in these lies the *heart* of all the other.

Perhaps the work of librarian has been even more pleasure than that of the classroom. Few girls have gone home for vacation without one or more books in English or Chinese selected with reference to advancement for reading at home. As often as possible we discuss the books when they are returned. Each Sunday the room is made attractive with plants and with a fire if the weather is cold, and the tables are covered with books suitable for Sunday reading. To see that these books are used one need only to pass the door or observe the tables the next morning. At twilight the girls gather around the fire to talk and tell stories. One cannot overestimate the value of a well-formed habit of reading. The literature and tract societies furnish books which we rejoice to put into the hands of the girls. Two monthly magazines have been launched during the year. These are *Progress*, published by the Y. M. C. A., and the *Woman's Messenger*, edited by Miss Laura White and published by the Christian Literature Society. They furnish fresh, delightful reading on many subjects. I count them among the year's blessings. They are kept on the library table for the girls and in the study set apart for the Chinese men teachers.

I went to Wusih at the new year to hear the examinations in that school, and shared with Miss Pyle and Miss White the pleasure of opening "Understand Knowledge School" at Zang Zok. In connection with the trip to Zang Zok we held a meeting for the women of the city. Two of the Chinese teachers and two of the girls made speeches on the subject of woman's education. The room was so well filled that it inspired bursts of the oratory with which Chinese women are found to

be gifted. A few weeks after the meeting thirty young women of Zang Zok began studying in the school opened by the gentry of Zang Zok. They said the speeches had made them willing to go out from their homes to study.

One is glad that the close of each year's work brings us to the threshold of a new year's hopes and privileges.

Miss Alice A. Longden:

The past year has been a busy one. Thirty-five piano pupils have been enrolled during the year, and these, with classes in singing and musical history, have filled my time.

One of the greatest pleasures has been my Sunday school class. It has been a privilege and a help to me to be able to teach these girls, and I hope that the truths which have been given to them have brought them to a greater knowledge of their need of Christ in their lives.

Miss Katherine Smallwood:

My appointment read last year: "Laura Haygood Memorial, Department of Science and Mathematics." During part of the year I taught two classes in algebra; but before school closed for the summer the positive quantities of these two classes were combined, and the result was one geometry class. The negative quantities were passed on to the tender mercies of a Chinese teacher. During my first year in China I was given a Bible class, and it has been my privilege and joy to teach this class for four years. My work in the Sunday school in the morning with the Laura Haygood girls and in the afternoon in the street Sunday school has always been a cause for my rejoicing that I am in China.

Some work has been done with the girls in outdoor sports. Volley ball has been added to tennis and basket ball. Some of the girls show great enthusiasm in their games.

Since Miss Drake went to America I have had supervision of a literary society composed of the more advanced pupils. One of the purposes of this society is to give monthly an entertainment which follows a social hour given by the school to the women of Soochow. In this way it is hoped to bring many women in touch with a Christian school, that they may see the work that is being done and see something of the influence of the school. I trust that the time in training the girls has been spent to great advantage. A nature study class at the Soochow Kindergarten Training School at Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen has been a source of pleasure.

Mrs. S. S. Harris:

Last October as I stepped from my private launch (Tom Watson, please take notice), a little mission house boat, almost the first instruc-

tion given was: "Do not unpack; we may have to run any day." As I listened to the revolution talk, the rumors of looting and attacking of boats, I almost got scared and commenced to think I had been a venturesome woman to sail peacefully along for twenty-four hours on my house-boat trip from Sungkiang to Soochow.

The panic had already struck the school, and in a few days recitation rooms were deserted. During the enforced vacation I spent most of the time studying Chinese and preparing for the two Bible classes that had been assigned to me. We kept packed, but did not flee; and now we can hardly realize that a break ever occurred in the program of work, which for me was four and a half and five hours' daily teaching. The girls were new to me, but most responsive, and, as usual, soon found their way into my heart.

During one term, including my Sunday school class, I taught every girl in school, which of course gave variety; and since I believe so strongly in personal touch for soul-saving, I would not have had it otherwise.

This report finishes five years and two months in China. I feel the *least* is that which from time to time has gone on paper; the *best* will be found on God's record.

DAVIDSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

MISS VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, 1884, North Alabama Conference.

MISS MARGARET BEADLE, 1910, West Texas Conference.

MISS NEVADA MARTIN, 1910, Mississippi Conference.

MISS FRANCES BURKHEAD, 1912, Western North Carolina Conference.

MISS MADGE HENDRY, 1911, Missionary Teacher, China Conference.

Industrial School.

MISS EMMA SERVICE LESTER, 1906, North Georgia Conference.

MISS DORA OTIS, 1910, Missouri Conference.

Boys' Day School and Woman's Work.

MISS MARY M. TARRANT, 1899, Texas Conference.

Miss Virginia M. Atkinson, Principal:

Our school has had the largest enrollment this year of any year in its history. One hundred and five names were on the books last autumn before the revolution scattered so many of them; but since then our number has increased, and we can report a total enrollment for the year of one hundred and thirty-four. As far as behavior and discipline are concerned, we have had smooth running, but the revolution broke into our work considerably during the fall term. During the last week before the surrender of Soochow on Sunday, November 5, there was much excitement in the city, and it naturally reached our

compound. Our presiding elder advised us to let those go home who had homes and whose parents were afraid for them to stay. The Soochow University appointed a committee consisting of Mr. P. L. Li, Mr. Smart, and Mr. Whiteside to see about protection for us and to advise us what to do should emergencies arise. These brethren met with our people on the day that Shanghai fell, and in that conference they decided that we should send all the Soochow girls home and that those who remained should be taken to the Laura Haygood building, which was vacant at that time and which Miss Pyle had kindly put at our disposal. So the remaining thirty-five were sent over in boats. Miss Beadle stayed with the girls and helped look after them; but with the exception of one night Misses Tarrant, Lester, Otis, Hendry, and I remained at home. This was made possible because Mr. Smart, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wo came and stayed in one of the vacated buildings and because the Governor gave us a guard of sixteen soldiers. For about five weeks I went over daily, a distance of two miles, and taught some classes, and several of our Chinese teachers kept up some work also. The girls did not lose one whole day on account of our revolution; and had we known what we knew later, we need not have been disturbed at all. They came back in December. Miss Yui came up and held a week of meetings for them, and we held our Christmas entertainment as usual.

When school closed for the Chinese New Year holidays, we had our graduating exercises from the preparatory and primary departments. Miss Yau, who was graduated at that time and who is not a credit to us as far as scholarship is concerned, would be a credit to any school in her Christian character and ability in other ways. It was not worth while to give her any further educational advantages, and, needing a matron for the Kindergarten Training School and a second assistant in the music department, she was put immediately to work and is succeeding. She and one of the primary teachers are volunteers for Christian work, but at present they are bound to help make their families' living. They, as well as our other teachers, are letting their lights shine at their posts of duty and are engaging in every form of Christian work as opportunity affords.

THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

Miss Beadle, Miss Li, Mr. Van, Mrs. Van, and I have all done more or less teaching in this department. There are more than seventy studying English, and the department is improving all the time. Miss Li, a returned graduate from La Grange College, did effective work in English and music during the spring term, but we lost her in September. Miss Herndon, who came in October and was appointed to the Kong Hong work, gives us at present seven and one-half hours a week of teaching. Her coming is very opportune for us.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

For the first time in our history we have had our very own music teacher. Miss Hendry came to us last autumn; and she, with Miss Wo giving her whole time and Misses Li and Yau giving small portions of their time, has taught our piano pupils, including the Kindergarten Training School. They have also taught six singing classes. Real progress has been made by the pupils since they have had such a competent, painstaking teacher.

DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE.

The Chinese teachers have done fairly good work in their departments, and I feel that our teaching is more thoroughly done year by year. A strenuous effort at grading has been made and improvement noted. Miss Beadle and Miss Lester had the physical culture classes in the spring and Miss Beadle and Miss Yau in the autumn. The school has hardly seemed like itself since Miss Lester left. She had classes in English, Bible, drawing, and physical culture for nearly six years, and we miss her.

I have found it impossible to adapt the children who graduate from the kindergarten to the strict rules of our primary grades and to the first year's course of study as prescribed by our mission without the help of especially trained teachers who know how to direct their activities without attempting to entirely suppress them. So now that we have the kindergartens, which are arousing the children everywhere, our next need as a mission is a primary normal. This autumn I created a subprimary department for kindergarten graduates, and all children under ten according to Chinese reckoning are in it. It is not a success as yet because I have no trained teacher, but I am trying as best I can to train one for the place. She is enthusiastic.

OUR CLINIC.

Dr. Polk continues to look after the health of our entire plant, and she has gladly and patiently met our every need either by coming to us herself or receiving us and our people into the hospital. She also holds a weekly clinic for outsiders on our compound. We cannot imagine ourselves being without the blessings that she and her hospital bring to us.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Mr. Tewksbury, the National Sunday School Secretary, with the approval and efficient help of Mr. Kyung, our Sunday school superintendent, has introduced his methods into our Sunday school, making it his model for a graded school. This school has a total enrollment of more than six hundred, including about seventeen officers and eighty-three teachers. These teachers are mostly advanced pupils who are

taught in normal classes by the heads of the different departments, these heads of departments being numbered among the officers. About four hundred of the six hundred meet on Sunday mornings in our school chapel. The others meet in the afternoons and have three places of meeting—viz., the chapel and the two rented day school buildings, one of which is about two blocks away to the southeast of us and the other about the same distance to the north. These pupils thus pressed into service not only learn to teach, but find an additional reason for living lives that are above reproach. We see quite an improvement in their conduct.

OUR CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Our congregations meet in our school chapel. Of baptized Church members, we have perhaps four hundred on our books; but we count that we have three hundred now with us and in good standing. The congregation is self-supporting—that is, we support our Chinese pastor and his assistant, pay the rent of the native parsonage, and pay the expenses of the street chapel connected with the parsonage. The contributions toward all Conference claims, such as missionary money, etc., increase year by year. Our people are poor, and what they do is, for them, a great deal, though with a greater faith they might do greater things. We have a number of Church members who are teaching or doing business in other places but who feel that Zang Tsung Aung and Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen are their spiritual birthplaces, and so they send in contributions monthly for the support of our Church. We hope that our faith will rise to the point of supporting a mission in some one of the villages near Soochow. Seventy or more new members were baptized and added to our Church this year. There are seventy-four Christian girls in the Davidson Memorial.

OUR NEEDS.

We want every year to lay emphasis on the fact that the Davidson exists for the sake of helping the children of our Christians who are poor and unable to pay their expenses and for the sake of the vast numbers of middle-class people all around us who are going to have a useful future in China's Church and government affairs most likely, but who are not able to send their girls to more expensive schools. We are full now, as we have dormitory space to crowd in only one hundred and fifty. We had to put teachers to room in our infirmary, and so the last cases of contagious sickness had to be sent to the servants' quarters. We need dormitory space, bedrooms for teachers (foreign and Chinese), a prayer room and library, and a place for physical culture classes. We have the space in our compound for this annex, and are asking for an appropriation for it, not knowing how we are to manage until it can be a reality. If Miss Lester can be freed from

other work when she returns and can give her whole time to the Davidson and the Industrial School, we shall indeed be fortunate. If not, we must ask for another helper next autumn to be appointed to us. We welcomed Miss Burkhead in October. She has taken much of the office work and gives two and a half hours a week to teaching English, it is true; but just as she arrived two lovely district day schools with sixty pupils and an interesting deficit on the books were added to my responsibilities, and so, as usual, the Soochow District, including the Davidson, is hampered by its prosperity. For the first time in its history the Davidson is facing real financial difficulties as far as the running expenses are concerned.

STATISTICS.

American teachers.....	2½
Chinese teachers.....	6
Pupils, total enrollment.....	134
Pupils, present enrollment.....	116
Christian pupils.....	74
Epworth League.....	1
Members	30
Y. W. C. A.....	1
Members	60

Miss Margaret Beadle writes:

Two years have passed since my arrival in China, and they have been happy years. The people with whom we work are so loving and responsive that it is a joy to render them service in the Master's name. When I first came everything seemed so new and strange; but this year I feel that I am getting into the hearts and lives of the people.

One can scarcely give a report this year without mentioning the revolution. One afternoon, after a consultation with foreign and Chinese friends, we packed our suit cases and trunks, took our thirty-five pupils across the city to the Laura Haygood School, where dormitories and schoolroom were placed at our disposal and a warm welcome was extended us in their family circle. While at times we were apprehensive on account of war and rumors of war, we felt that there was a rich recompense in this loving-kindness shown us by our friends at this time.

MUSIC.

Miss Madge Hendry says:

It is commonplace for a new worker to say that her first year in China has been the happiest in her life; and as I am not different from the rest, I say the same. This year, not my first in China by any means, but my first in the work, truly has been a joyous one.

SOOCHOW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Miss Dora C. Otis:

This last year the Industrial School has been growing as fast as our time and space permitted. At the beginning of October last year the large workroom downstairs was full of women. But when during the revolution so many women came to us pleading for work, we emptied one of the dormitory rooms upstairs and filled it with working frames and received a number of new women. We have now one hundred and forty-six women and have more on a waiting list to be received when vacancies occur.

The sale of work has increased with the number of women. We have received orders from China, America, the Philippines, Korea, England, Norway, and Australia. The increase in the sale of work over the previous year has been more than a thousand Mexican dollars. The quality of work which the women as a whole are able to do has also improved. Whereas formerly the new women did somewhat inferior work when they first arrived, some of the women who came to us this year were among the better class of embroiderers.

Miss Lester worked with us during the larger part of this year. Almost all of the plans for the work have come to us through her. Before she went home she did everything in her power to make the work easier for us to continue in her absence, and it is owing to her thoughtfulness that the work has continued as smoothly as it has.

One can scarcely see the real value of the Industrial School unless one is closely associated with the women who work there. Some of the people who visit the school are surprised to find in different corners of the rooms women who do not seem to be doing embroidery. "Why, what are these women doing?" We answer that they are in Bible study. "O, do you do that here?" But this is the work which makes the Industrial School worth while. We could not willingly give our days to the multitudinous details of the work there if we did not see from month to month in the faces and lives of the Industrial School women changes which nothing can bring about but a growing knowledge of the living Christ. This is seen in the lives not only of one or two but of more than a hundred women.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

Miss Virginia M. Atkinson:

When Miss Lester went on furlough in May, I promised to look after the evangelistic work in this school. However, with so many other things claiming attention and time, it has often been neglected. I am sorry, for, with the proper amount of interest and time given it, it could be one of the most soul-satisfying places in which to do evangelistic work. Miss Lester for six years gave the souls of these

women and girls her first thought, and those of us who know what beautiful thoughts Miss Lester is capable of having will feel that these women should be congratulated and that results should show. They realize their good fortune, and results have shown in their lives.

The idea of this school was born when Miss Williams (now Mrs. A. P. Parker) and I were carrying on our work in our Chinese house in West Soochow in 1899. Up to that time we had only been able to get hold of boys, as the work was new. We used the boys' school as the entering wedge; and when they began to think of the salvation of their sisters and mothers, we knew that our prayers for the women and children of West Soochow were about to be answered, and so Miss Williams found work for one young woman to do. This young woman was so bashful at first that she had to sit in an alleyway with a wooden partition between her and the room we called a chapel, where a man preached to a mixed congregation. She after a time, however, got over her bashfulness to the extent that, with her head hung down and her pretty pink cheeks blushing, she was willing to sit in that hitherto scorned mixed congregation and hear the gospel. By and by she was admired and courted by a member of that same mixed congregation, and so the good work began. That young woman joined the Church, became the Chinese head of the Industrial School for several years, and now in her turn is helping Mrs. Parker in her woman's work in Hongkew, while her little girl attends Mrs. Parker's newly opened kindergarten. Instances of this kind might be multiplied. The pathetic heart and life stories of our toilers might be interesting, but time will not permit.

From the very first day the spiritual instruction and the salvation of the women have been the first consideration. After Miss Williams's marriage Miss Mary Culler White put her earnestness and consecration into the work, and the school became self-supporting during her last year in it. When she went on furlough, Miss Lester, after only one year of language study, took it over. Until one year ago, when its own new building was finished, it had always been inseparably connected with the Davidson, sharing its house room, its fortunes and misfortunes. In September, 1911, it moved into its own home; but because of Miss Lester's earnest request, it remains a department of the Davidson School in reality, though not in name. Had those who have had charge from time to time been less spiritual women and less determined to have spiritual results, it might any day have degenerated into a mere workshop, existing only for the sake of manufacturing pretty things pleasing to the fancy of its many customers. However, we have sought above all things to bring souls into contact with the Saviour of souls, and so the workers have souls for their hire. At present there are one hundred and fifty women working daily at the frames, while the names of one hundred and thirty-four of them are on

the Church books either as Church members or as probationers. Before Miss Lester left, a call was made for volunteers who would be willing to use their Sunday afternoons in doing Christian work among their neighbors and friends. Between twenty and thirty answered to this call, and they report their work to Miss Tarrant, while I have tried to hold a weekly meeting with them for their special help and encouragement.

Last Conference, when Miss Lester's furlough was due, we felt that we must have Miss Otis, and her only, for this work. She was given to us, and the interests of the school in a spiritual and in a business way have had another year of growth and development.

When the revolution started, Misses Lester and Otis were very anxious to keep the workroom running, because then as never before our women needed money for themselves and their families. Touched by the fact that famine conditions prevailed not very far away and that many men and women too were thrown out of employment during that dreadful time, these two used this school as a means of doing famine relief work after the most approved methods. Instead of closing the doors in a panic, on faith they borrowed the money and added thirty additional destitute embroiderers to their number, thus relieving that many families who otherwise would have starved or gone to begging. Keeping this department open was one means by which our part of the city was kept out of a panic from fright, because every little neighborhood from which even one woman came quieted by the fact that we were keeping open and were not afraid to stay. This state of things was made possible by the kindness of our brothers, Mr. Smart, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wo, one of our Chinese Christians, who unselfishly came to us during those weeks of unrest and spent their nights in our new and at that time vacant kindergarten building. Their presence not only made us feel safe from any possible irresponsible mobs that might rise in the night, but also removed our fear of the sixteen soldiers that the new republican government had stationed at our gates to protect us and the property.

All our women are in Bible classes and have a daily lesson of half an hour taught by the Bible women, who are under Miss Tarrant's care. Fifteen women from this school are doing Christian work as Bible women or as helpers either in West Soochow or at other stations who might never have heard the gospel except for this school, and there are others being developed.

I am making this report not because I have done the work but because I, having been an eyewitness of what the school has been doing for thirteen years, felt that I wanted to testify to the splendid character of the work of my colaborers, who have put their beautiful lives into the lives of these ignorant and often unlovely women and have made them blossom with Christ's beauty and loveliness. He has known

the discouragements and has appreciated the so-called drudgery, but has given an increase and a development that we never dared to ask for or believe would be accomplished.

At the last Conference we asked for an appropriation for a chapel for this industrial department, also a clinic room, a day nursery, and Bible-classrooms. The appropriation was granted and plans have been sent to Nashville. If our faith had been greater and we had asked for a larger building, we could as easily employ five hundred women as one hundred and fifty, for we are always having applications that we can place only on the waiting list.

For all the blessings and opportunities of all the years we thank our Father, who has given us at this strategic time the privilege of being colaborers with him in uplifting the lives of these pitifully needy women.

SOOCHOW KINDERGARTEN TRAINING SCHOOL.

Miss Nevada Martin:

If my first year in China was "experimentation with new materials," my second has brought the attendant experience—surprise at an unexpected result.

At the close of last year we marveled at the opportunities that we saw opening before us, but our wildest dreams pale and fade away in the dim past when we look at the actual reality that has taken their place. We can scarcely remember where we left off a year ago. Then we had three students, almost no teachers, no organized course of study, little faith in the policy we were pursuing, and no definite idea as to what the next step should be. Now we have three graduates at work, twenty-one students in training, a faculty of thirteen teachers, a more or less well-organized course of study, a wonderfully deeper insight into the possibilities of Chinese young women as kindergartners, and the future is almost clear before us.

Changes quite as remarkable have taken place in the kindergarten movement as a whole in the country. Last year we thought the outlook hopeful when we had the interest of some leading educators and had succeeded in holding a few public meetings for the creation of kindergarten sentiment. This year we have to report that the National Educational Association has indorsed an appeal made by the Central China Kindergarten Association for kindergartners for every mission in China, and especially for some well-equipped women by preparing for a high-grade training school in Central China, possibly in connection with the proposed Union Woman's College; that several new foreign kindergartners have come during the year; that three new training schools have been opened; that in Soochow, Canton, and Foochow the local governments are undertaking the establishment of kindergartens.

and their teachers are being trained in mission schools; that the demand for kindergartners and inquiries into the kindergarten method are continually increasing; and that a small beginning is being made toward coöperation with the national government in the introduction of the kindergarten into the public school system. It may be noted, also, as a warning that heathen training schools are being opened by Japanese kindergartners.

Several lines of work mentioned in our last report have been kept up with good results. We have succeeded in getting locally manufactured materials on the market. The Commercial Press is handling the work of one of our young Christian men. The materials are in some respects better than the American supplies and much superior to the Japanese. In translation another songbook is being prepared by Miss Li Nyui Tsung. We hope to get a series of essays on the "Mother Play" out of the class work of the year, a collection of suggestive programs from the work of our graduates, and possibly a short history of education. Some translation is being done at Canton and at Peking.

The rapid development of our training work has been made possible only by the generous assistance of our friends. Chief among these is Miss Margarita Park. Her unusual success as a kindergartner and her perfect command of the language, besides the understanding of Chinese girls that comes only from a girlhood contact with them, peculiarly fit her for work in the Training School. We have been able to secure her services for half the day and the use of her kindergarten, which is so valuable as a model to the girls, for a practice center. Miss Park has easily made herself indispensable, and we hope for the time when she will be permanently employed by the Board. Mrs. O. C. Crawford, of the Presbyterian Mission, came to our rescue with her kindergarten training and excellent Chinese for one of the deeper technical courses. Miss Smallwood kindly gives a course in nature study, supplemented by lectures from Mr. Gee. We are most fortunate in having a specially qualified teacher of sociology in Miss Otis, who gives also history of education and drawing. Miss Hendry is in charge of the music and Miss Beadle the physical culture. Dr. Park and Dr. Polk take time from their busy lives to give a few medical lectures during the course. Our Chinese kindergartner, Mrs. Van, and I share what is left of the teaching and direct the kindergartens and the practical work of the girls.

The influence of the kindergarten training on the Chinese girls is a constant source of wonder and gratification to us. Every teacher who comes in contact with them declares them the most alert, interested, and enthusiastic students they teach. More remarkable still is the Christlike spirit of love and service in which they daily live. Jealousies are unknown among them and discipline unthought of. We

can see the transformation coming already in the faces of the few heathen girls in the class. Let us hope that we may never have to give a diploma to one who has not fully committed herself to Christ.

WEST SOOCHOW DAY SCHOOLS.

Miss Mary Minor Tarrant:

Last year on the very day that Conference began the first guns of the Chinese revolution were fired at Wuchang. The news of the capture of place after place by the revolutionists kept Soochow in a state of nervous excitement, and scores of families rapidly left the city, nor stood upon the order of their going. Quite a number of the day school pupils belonged to families who thus sought to find refuge in the country or in Shanghai. But in spite of all the rumors and even after the fall of Soochow itself, with a few small disturbances following, enough of the pupils continued their attendance, so that our day schools were not closed even for a day.

With the beginning of the spring term our enrollment was increased over what it had been the previous year. This was partly, though not altogether, due to the fact that the government schools had been closed during the revolution. I say *partly* because our enrollment has been larger this fall than it was in the spring, although some of the government schools have since been opened.

The Sallie Stewart School literally outgrew all its boundaries. But one beauty of a Chinese house is its adaptability in such emergencies. We did not have to go through the inconvenience of renting another house into which to move the school. We just moved the old Bible woman living there to other quarters, and then the landlord kindly tore down partitions between rooms, and, lo! two nice large schoolrooms resulted. With the increase in the number of pupils, another teacher had to be employed. And the school is still growing! There is an opportunity now to open a kindergarten in connection with the Sallie Stewart which I am anxious not to lose. Surely there cannot be too many kindergartens properly directed for the numberless little children in Soochow.

The Waco District, the McKendree, and the Galloway Institute Schools have had an interesting and, I hope, not an unprofitable year's work.

STATISTICS.

Number of schools.....	5
Number of teachers.....	10
Total enrollment for year.....	324

WOMAN'S WORK, WEST SOOCHOW.

The woman's work in West Soochow has continued to be a source of pleasure and regret—of pleasure because of the results with which it has been blessed, and of regret because I cannot personally lead

more of the meetings and do more visiting with the Bible women. It has been my custom to visit with a Bible woman at least one afternoon every week. But my visiting this fall has been very much interrupted. It is the experience of most of us, no doubt. There is nothing like going to the homes of the women in order to get acquainted with them and their difficulties; and everybody knows, too, that the teacher finds it a great help toward understanding a pupil if she is acquainted with the conditions in the home. I see that in some of our large cities at home it has been found most helpful for each of the public schools to have among its corps of teachers one whose only duty is to visit in the homes of the pupils and report to the different class teachers.

We have a weekly meeting for women in the Davidson Memorial Chapel which is attended by probationers, new Church members, and heathen women. Dr. Polk holds a clinic in the compound on this particular afternoon, and those who wish to have any physical ailments attended to can do so and then come to the meeting. After the opening exercises the women are divided into classes, which are taught by the Bible women and myself. The women learn verses of Scripture which are given to them on slips of cardboard. Each card has a hole in the end, so that it can be strung on a string and hung up at home for daily reference. When a probationer has finished this series of about thirty verses so that she can read or recite them without an unpardonable number of mistakes, she is given a small prize. Then she is promoted to a larger card containing an outline study of one of the Gospels. Those of us who are in woman's work owe a debt of thanks to Miss Mary Culler White for the time and thought she has taken in arranging this little series of verses and the outline studies of the Gospels. Some of the new Church members and probationers who have the mental and spiritual ability, plus the necessary time, study catechisms at home, the Bible women visiting such women once or twice a week to hear them recite and to explain the meaning of what they have learned.

Besides these meetings in the Davidson Memorial Chapel, there are various other meetings held every week in the homes of the Church members and probationers. The Bible women take almost entire charge of these meetings.

Last spring ten or a dozen new Church members, probationers, and assistant Bible women met three times a week in my study for an hour's lesson in the life of Christ. We followed the translation of Stevens and Burton's "Harmony," and it was a happy surprise to me to see not only the interest in the lessons, but the real spiritual understanding on the part of some of the women and their ability to memorize the outlines.

Four women have had their hearts' desire realized this year in being able to enter the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School for study.

One of the assistant Bible women, Mary De Bardeleben, passed away this summer to her heavenly reward after a brief but severe illness. She was a cheerful and patient worker, and I have missed her much.

It is interesting to note a few comparisons between the work among women now and what it was a few years ago. Now the meetings for heathen women are almost as quiet as a Church service. Even an outsider herself will look with annoyance upon any loud talking and inattention upon the part of the hearers. Ten years ago all was noise and confusion. It took special grace to try to lead a meeting when the babies were crying or running around the floor and the women themselves talking out loud or calling across the room to greet a newly arrived acquaintance. Now if the outside women do not kneel in prayer, they sit quietly and listen. Then it was almost impossible to have a prayer at all. Once, I remember, as soon as we knelt in our Davidson Memorial Chapel there was a sudden pattering of many feet toward the door; and when the prayer was finished, our heathen sisters had disappeared. Now they will make an effort to sing a hymn and will not be frightened if a slip of paper with a Bible verse is offered them.

The Lord has used this revolution to free this people from the oppressive Manchu rule, and through it has come a sense of moral and spiritual liberty as well. There has been a casting off of heathen worship such as I never saw before. Idols, rosaries, and even ancestral tablets have been brought to the Bible women and to me by the probationers and Church members as trophies of lives surrendered to the Lord of lords.

For earnest, consecrated Bible women who count their hire not in dollars but in saved souls, who spare no efforts, consider no road too long, no weather too hot, no winds too cold, who are working not for the foreigner but for the Lord, I cannot be too thankful. For the unspeakable privilege of this year's work amid the rapid changes of tearing down and setting up of governments and for the protection of friends here and the answered prayers of those at home who helped to make this year's work uninterrupted I offer praise to Him whose we are and whom we serve.

MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

Dr. Margaret Polk:

The work of the year is rather difficult to report, since much of it has been such as does not swell statistics or add to the brilliancy of the records.

The work consists of daily clinics, drug room work, ward work, evangelistic work, operating room work, and a weekly clinic at Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen. As for four years, so this year all out calls had to

be refused because of lack of time and strength, except to a friend or two and when they happened to call at the doctor's leisure hour. The out calls refused have been many, for the doctor's leisure hours have been few. This is a pity, since out calls widen the circle of friends and give better financial returns for the financial outlay.

The clinics have grown steadily smaller for several years; but as this is true of all hospitals, it is not a source of worry, but is rather a source of rejoicing at present, as one of the two Chinese doctors is leaving and the other one is physically unable for many burdens.

The ward patients have always been limited only by the room we had for them, and their numbers have gradually increased in space offered. It is our rule that not more than two shall be in the small rooms, not more than three in the larger rooms, no contagious diseases in the wards, and no one is taken in after the beds are full; so during spring, summer, and autumn numbers are turned away. In the cold winter weather the wards and rooms are comparatively empty. The ward patients were more than last year in spite of the fact that for about two months during the revolution we took in very few patients because our nurses left us in their fright and we could not care for the sick people. A great many people came to us for protection, believing the foreigners were safe; but we decided that we could not assume the responsibility, so refused all. Because the foreign nurse had gotten the language so that she needed very little help to assume her whole responsibility, the physician in charge had more time, and so the ward work has been done more thoroughly and along more technical lines. The operations are never recorded fully, but there are records of nearly a hundred operations under a general anæsthetic. The clinic and minor operations number several hundreds.

The expense of the year has been rather alarming; but when it is remembered that the hospital and two schools are included and that we have housed, fed, clothed (the hospital furnishes clothing for all ward patients and uniforms for nurses), furnished bedding, all medicines and laundry, as well as fuel and light for six hundred and twenty-five sick people, two schools, and all the helpers, that the salaries of foreign help for half the year and Chinese helpers and servants for a full year are included, that we have put in some waterworks, some electric lights, bought new operating room furniture, a new expensive throat and nose apparatus, furnished four new bedrooms and three school-rooms, built a new kitchen, dining room, bathroom, coal house, and porch, laid some new pavements in yard and on street, and bought new books for the library, it will not be difficult to know how we used more than ten thousand Mexican dollars and find ourselves a little in debt at the end of the year. Of this money, a little more than four thousand Mexican dollars came from America in special appropriations, donations, and scholarships. A little more than five thousand four

hundred Mexican dollars came from the patrons here. When we remember that only two hundred and twenty-two dollars of this came from out calls, as out calls were refused, this amount of income was good. There have been only three deaths in the ward, but several more have been taken home to die, because the Chinese do not want to die away from home.

THE STATISTICS.

Clinics: New.....	2,396
Return	1,000
Stray	1,396
Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen	473
Wards	625
Out calls.....	130
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Total	6,000
The income from patients was as follows:	
Clinics	\$ 616 55
Out calls.....	222 00
Medicines	1,910 95
Room rent.....	996 00
Board	1,035 15
Out nursing.....	290 50
Other sources.....	370 00
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Total	\$5,441 15

WOMAN'S MEDICAL SCHOOL.

Dr. Margaret Polk:

Teachers for the year: Dr. Park, Dr. Masters, Dr. Anne Fearn, Dr. Sung, Dr. Ze, Dr. M. Polk, Mrs. Gee, Miss White, Miss Hood, and Miss Zung.

The Medical School is slowly but gradually attaining. This year records better equipment, better teaching, better housing. The first of the year was broken in work because the revolution frightened all the freshmen away for a while. At China New Year they all came back, and the work has been uninterrupted since.

Because the limited number of rooms allows only eight pupils, the plan of letting only two classes in at the same time (taking in a new one when the seniors graduate) has been adhered to; hence no new pupils have been admitted this year. The present senior class started with four pupils, but because of failures of one kind and another only one pupil remains. She has had a year of uninterrupted work and is faithfully doing her fourth-year duties. She has got one more year. Through friends she pays all dues and fees.

Because the senior class narrowed itself to one, the new class could be seven. Eight were taken in, but because of ill health and marriage (both of which came during absence because of the fright during the revolution) only six remain. About thirty applicants have been turned away, a few because they failed on entrance examination and the others after the class was full.

The course of study closely follows that of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania; and while in many ways the school lacks, the pupils who care can get good training because the size of the classes and the close relations of the hospital give practical work beyond many larger schools. The laboratories for chemistry, histology, pathology, and clinical diagnosis are fairly well equipped; but physiology and anatomy must depend for many years on books and charts and manikins, though dogs and monkeys have done something for the present class. All the work is done in English, which links it up with the schools in America. Friendly sympathy and a helpful attitude have already been expressed by the Woman's College of Pennsylvania, and closer relations could be established if the school had interested friends. The finances of the school are so closely linked to those of the hospital that no separation has been thought advisable.

Of the school, five pay full fees and two have given papers to pay back without interest when they begin to make money. The school was opened before the present missionary in charge came; but she has worked and planned and prayed that she might build worthily, and she hesitates not to say that she has placed to advantage every bit of material the Church women have given her to work with, and it is today in their hands to be developed into what they choose. The time for a one-woman school has long since passed, so workers must be furnished.

Last year the revolution brought Dr. Masters as a refugee to Shanghai, and she was engaged to teach and help in the hospital from March 20 to June 20, when she went to her new work at Tientsin. In the autumn the hospital and school turned again to the founder of the school and the friend in need and asked her to come again and help out. She came, as we knew she (Dr. Anne Fearn) would. Dr. Park, whose interest in medical education for men and women has never abated, teaches regularly. Mrs. Gee came in response to a needy call and taught the Latin.

Three schoolrooms have been repaired and furnished, one was enlarged, and a new dining room, kitchen, bathroom, porch, and coal house have been added.

The year closed with hope because of the assurance that new life and help were coming soon, after sixteen years of watching and waiting.

NURSE-TRAINING SCHOOL OF MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

Mary A. Hood, registered nurse:

The nurse-training work continues to be the most attractive to me of any done in Soochow.

The new year's work began as usual, and the motto for the year was, "What I Would Be."

"I would be true, for there are those who trust me.

I would be pure, for there are those who care.

I would be strong, for there are those who suffer.

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be giving, and forget the gift.

I would be humble, for I know my weakness.

I would look up and laugh and love and lift."

China is said to do everything in the opposite way, and she certainly reversed the foregoing last fall when she plunged herself into a fierce civil war, brother against brother and son against father. The plowshare and the pruning hook she certainly understood, and with them could make a living out of most hopelessly barren soil. The sword and the spear had become almost relics, and she had settled down into a humdrum acquiescence to fate that was fast approaching drowsiness, if not slumber; but children wake early, and young China awoke one morning, grasped the sword and spear, cleaned house, and cut down at the door the weeds that were choking the nation out of existence. China is to-day a land of living, able-thinking men and women, alive to the needs, the necessity, and the good of their country and ready to serve her by day and by night.

During the exciting days some of our nurses left, three had young children at home and wanted to be with them, and others were young and wanted to go. Our three senior nurses remained and worked beautifully. It was necessary to call in nurses to assist us; but we had no trouble in securing refugee nurses from Nanking, who helped us several weeks.

The teaching in our school follows the course of study planned by the China Nurses' Association for the China Nurses' Training Schools and approved by the China Medical Association. It consists in studying and practical work. The textbooks as far as have been translated are in Chinese, others in English. The teaching has been done by Drs. Polk, Masters, Sung, Tai, Lee, Miss White (Bible), and myself (nurse-training).

A plan has been worked out whereby the men nurses of the general hospital have been enabled to join the class in the Training School. Dr. Lee, of the Nurses' Hospital, teaches the combined class two hours a week. This combination of classes and teachers economizes time and gives more varied teaching.

Practical training was given by caring for the six hundred and twenty-five patients who have been in our wards and private rooms during the year.

Drug room work is done almost entirely under the doctor's supervision and by the two senior nurses who had previous training in the drug room work.

Clinic work consists of doing dressings and minor operations.

The operating room furnishes opportunity for training in surgical work. One of the seniors has charge of the operating room, preparing dressing, instruments, etc., for all operations. The operating days are Wednesdays and Saturdays. We have from three to six patients under general anæsthetic almost every week.

Practical obstetrical nursing has been done in caring for the forty cases which we have had, also in going out to private homes. We did about five months' outnursing during the year. Each nurse takes her turn in the different departments.

The finances of the school are linked to the hospital finances, so that no separate accounts are kept. The school roll consists of three senior nurses and eight juniors.

The three seniors will have finished their three years' course of study next June and be ready for diplomas. At that time we shall probably confer honorary diplomas on the four older nurses, who have been in the hospital for six and seven years and do excellent work, although deprived of taking the regular course.

The school freshman class is increased by the six men nurses from the general hospital, making the junior class number eleven. This year we have had between twenty and thirty applicants to enter training. We have to refuse all but a certain number because the capacity of the hospital is only fifty beds. Give us a larger hospital, and then we want more nurses to train. All of my women nurses are Christians. Of the men nurses, one is a Christian and the others are interested.

EVANGELISTIC WORK—MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

MARY CULLER WHITE, 1912, South Georgia.

Mary Culler White:

Last year I was given to understand that my next report must be short, a thing easy to decree but hard to perform. Perhaps it is a good thing that my first effort at a short report is made in connection with a hospital. I can write as much as I like and have the superfluous parts amputated by the institution of which I am writing. It is to be hoped, however, that the surgeons know the anatomy of reports and will be able to distinguish the vital organs.

All work has been more or less disturbed this year; but the Bible women stood bravely by the hospital during the revolution, and a

number who were untried before learned lessons of courage and strength during the trying days of uncertainty and danger. The hospital was kept open during the entire time of the revolution; and though the patients were fewer, a better grade of work was possible because of the new attitude of mind on the part of those who came to us. This attitude can best be described as one of *inquiry* and *willingness*, and the success of the revolution accentuated and rendered permanent these characteristics.

After the revolution the wards and private rooms filled up again, and the work went on even better than before. It is *easy* to talk to people about the gospel now. They listen; they ask questions; they try to learn; they want to believe.

The actual teaching of the patients has been done by two Bible women and myself. The Bible women have received the patients in the clinic, distributed tracts, sold books, taught beside the beds, comforted the sorrowing, and pointed all to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

I have superintended the whole and assisted in the personal work as time has permitted. With my double appointment it is exceedingly difficult for the Soochow half of me to get away from desk, accounts, local probationers, and general interruptions and get into the wards of the hospital as I should. But once I am there, the work is so interesting and the patients are so eager that it is equally hard for me to get out of the wards and get back home at the time I should. There could scarcely be a more beautiful appointment than that one woman should give her entire time to this ward work, following up the cases when they return to their homes. It is almost too much to ask, even in a hospital, that a woman should be torn limb from limb by the pull between local duties and outstation appointments. My professional family do their best to keep me mentally and bodily intact, but even their skilled efforts sometimes fail. The hospital deserves the full time of an evangelist, and I believe the time is near at hand when that need will be supplied.

During the year I have organized and taught two Bible classes in the hospital—one for medical students, which is studying the "Life of Christ" according to William D. Murray's outline; and one for nurses, which is studying "Great Men of Israel," both of the textbooks being in Chinese. In addition to this teaching, I have conducted a class for Bible women according to the course of study laid down for post-graduates. This class has just completed Andrew Murray's "New Life" from a Mandarin textbook. The selection of this book was made by the Chinese members of the committee, and so many have been our difficulties in getting the women through it that I feel that I, as well as they, deserve a diploma.

There is one department of the hospital evangelistic work with which I have no connection, the reason being that it is conducted while I am out of town. The Tien-Sy-Tsaung Sunday school, which is held in the church, has overflowed, and its senior department for women now meets in the chapel of the women's hospital. At the earnest request of Mr. Gee, the Sunday school superintendent, Dr. Margaret Polk consented to act as superintendent of this department, and it is now flourishing under her efficient care.

Perhaps our greatest advance during the year has been the organization of a Young Women's Christian Association among the medical students and nurses. This organization has put a new spirit of service into our student body, and it is making the timid ones willing to lead meetings and to lead in prayer. We expect that great things will come to our work through this Association.

A few of our interesting ward cases during the year have been as follows:

One waif of a boy was picked up off the streets, cured of the poison in his frostbitten feet, and sent to the Sungkiang Orphanage, where he is now a regular pupil and a member in good standing of the Sungkiang Methodist Church.

One waif of a girl whom the Door of Hope had rescued and turned into a probationer came to us with the understanding that she could stay in the hospital as long as she should live. She was known as Noen Noen, or Little Girl, and she became well known to us during her tedious illness. Five months she lingered in the midst of great suffering; but in spite of the suffering, she rescued a fellow patient whom we were able to get into the Door of Hope. On Chinese New Year day Noen Noen was baptized and received into the Church. Although very weak and unable to rise from her bed, she led in a prayer which could be distinctly heard all over the ward. Twelve days later she passed into heaven with words of triumph and of exhortation on her lips. The exhortations were directed toward a fellow patient who had been extremely kind to her. This patient in turn has now been baptized and is working earnestly among the patients who are in the same ward with her. This latter case is one where the patient, now cured, belongs to the hospital by the right of *habeas corpus*, as her father announced some time after he put her in that he was not able to pay her bills and he would not return to get her out. She is now earning her living by sewing for the hospital; and if her health continues to improve, she may be sent to one of our schools.

Our last case of definite conversion is perhaps our happiest. A beautiful young girl came to us in the summer with a crippled back. She had heard something of Christianity from her brother, who was converted while a student in the Soochow University and who is the only Christian in his family; but the sister's first real interest was through

the hymns which she heard in the hospital. She bought a hymn book, and she would get a Bible woman or any other available person to come and sing with her. Later she got interested in the hospital library, which she began to devour. All the while she was attending our regular meetings, and suddenly at one of these she burst into tears with conviction for sin. She came into the light on the selfsame day, the clearest case of conversion which I have ever seen come to any one who had never been connected with a Christian home or a Christian school. This beautiful young life is now being laid on the altar for service, and in spite of parental opposition the young lady is hoping to be baptized at once.

Thus the year has gone. We are thankful for the mercies that have come to us and for the victories and the growth of Christian character that we have seen. We look with faith to our all-powerful Lord to make of the hospital all that he would have it to be.

STATISTICS.

Bible women resident in hospital.....	2
Evangelistic meetings held in hospital.....	34
Y. W. C. A. meetings held in hospital.....	12
Pieces of evangelistic literature sold in hospital..	1,756

EVANGELISTIC WORK—OUTSTATIONS OF SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

MISS THEODOSIA WALES, 1912, South Georgia Conference.

Mary Culler White:

"Old things have passed away. Behold, all things are become new." Assuredly this is true of evangelistic work in China to-day. The old indifference, the old apathy, the old antagonism to the gospel have passed away. Something has happened, and everybody knows it. There are many people in China who never heard of the China-Japan War, still more who never heard that that war was unsuccessful; but there is not a person in China to-day who does not know that China has had a revolution, that the yoke of servitude has been thrown off, and that the nation has a new ideal, the ideal of liberty, equality, and fraternity. Yea, and they know more than this: they know that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the idol of the people, is a Christian, and with this fact has come the deeper knowledge that the shame connected with being a Christian has largely passed away.

The effect of all this knowledge is incalculable. It is affecting our congregations and drawing in people from classes who would not enter our doors before. It is affecting our hearers, and I can teach as much in half an hour now as I used to teach in an hour before. I still preach the hour; but I get in twice as much material, enabling them

to listen in a spirit of fair-minded inquiry. And the knowledge is affecting those who do not come to our churches at all. It has become the people's boast that "the citizens of the republic" do not burn incense and worship idols. In many cities there have been public meetings for the purpose of iconoclasm; under supervision of local officials idols have been dragged from the temples, hacked into pieces, and the shapeless trunks thrown into the canal. I have in my possession an idol which was thrown out of a Quinsan temple at such a meeting. And now this temple has been turned into a school.

The new mental attitude is also having an effect in the homes. Many niches for kitchen gods are already empty, and others say that when the god is put up at the end of this year no new one will be received to take its place. I was in the home of a woman probationer two weeks ago, and I found her husband well posted on the main facts of Christian truth. With a gesture of his hand toward the emblems of heathen worship which adorned their reception hall, he said: "Next year we are going to clear it all away and believe in the Christian religion."

A month ago I was at a rather new outstation on the Changshu Circuit. When I started up to the city for the Sunday services, one of the women inquirers said that she would like to go with me, as she wished to be baptized. On the way I examined her carefully to see if she were ready for baptism, and I found her one of the weary and heavy-laden who had heard the Master saying: "Come unto me, . . . and . . . rest." Rather plaintively and yet without reproach she said: "O if the gospel had only been brought to me sooner!"

A week ago, when I was in Wusih, two new probationers from one family were introduced to me. Each of them was a widow with only one child, and on inquiry I found out that they had not been in the habit of leaving their doors to go out for any purpose whatever. Fortunately a Bible woman had found them and induced them to come to church, and when I met them they had already determined to believe the gospel. One of them said to me: "I am in the dark. You must come to see me and bring me the light."

I could easily multiply instances, but those already given are sufficient to show the attitude of mind and to show the opportunity offered to the evangelistic worker. I will pass on and try to give some idea of the number and force of the workers with which we have met this opportunity in the outstations of the Soochow District. I have four main outstations, around three of which there are groups of substations. I get to the main stations once a month, giving to each two or three days' work so arranged as to include a Sunday. In three of the stations I have a Bible woman's home, and in connection with two of these homes there is a day school. The home in Quinsan was opened the first of this year in a good location connected with our East Gate

chapel. The home is kept open by a devoted worker seventy years old, and two Bible women from Soochow go down for every week end. The Changshu home was opened in March, and it now contains a most flourishing day school presided over by a graduate of the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School. Three meetings for women are held each week; and already some of the pupils, together with their parents, are coming into the Church. One assistant Bible woman is in the home as the chap-eron to the young teacher.

The home in Wusih is a Bible woman's home without a Bible woman; but the two young women who are the teachers there are doing most successful woman's work and are ably supplementing the almost incomparable work which is done by the wife of Pastor Yui. Just recently, on their own motion, these two young teachers established a weekly meeting for women to be held in the school, with the purpose of teaching the non-Christian neighbors.

At our dear country village of Pohliaung we have no resident Bible woman or assistant, and so few of the natives can read that Sunday school teachers are a minus quantity. I go to the village once a month, and sometimes I send the boat and the Bible women when I do not go myself; but the whole work is in need of reorganization, and I am looking for some student volunteer in Soochow who will take the Pohliaung Sunday school in hand.

In spite of this lack of organization and of some other difficulties, the work has progressed during the year, and Pohliaung has furnished to the general work one bride for a preacher, one student for the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, and one exhorter who is now a supply on the Bing Mong Circuit.

It is with deep thankfulness that I welcome Miss Wales as one whom God has chosen and fitted for the outstation evangelistic work. She likes the house boat, likes the camp life on the boat, likes the Chinese, likes to talk in any language, whether she knows that language or not, and, best of all, she has the real evangelistic spirit, which is rendered more effective by a long experience in Christian work at home. Because of her coming, I thank God and take courage. Let more women be sent out for the evangelistic work. The Chinese are willing in this the day of God's power.

WOMAN'S WORK, KONG HONG CHURCH, SOOCHOW.

MISS MAGGIE J. ROGERS, 1904, Texas Conference.

MISS FLORA HERNDON, 1912, North Georgia Conference.

Maggie J. Rogers:

This year has passed quickly, and it hardly seems possible that the work could grow so much in so short a time. Last year we reported a year of beginnings—visiting, finding, and getting acquainted with

our people, especially the women probationers—and so this year we do not feel quite so strange in the work.

The faithfulness of the Bible women and other Christian women of the Church is clearly shown by the fact that a kindergarten and a day school were necessities. Our list of women probationers has eighty names, but the regular attendance is only thirty-five. However, we have faith to believe that a large number of these women will become Christians.

Last Conference our kindergarten had just been opened a month, and now it is a full year old and has grown accordingly. It soon was too large for my study, where it was begun, so we repaired an old schoolroom (which some thought past using) and found it quite suitable for the kindergarten. Miss Dunn and her assistant have been so interested in their work, and the kindergarten has been a great help. The kindergarten could not receive all the applicants, especially as some were over kindergarten age; so we began an extra class for these girls, because they were our probationers and we were glad of an opportunity to teach them. In the spring this class, with six children promoted from the kindergarten, formed the beginning of our girls' day school. Another old schoolroom was repaired, and in March we allowed other pupils to be received and opened regularly as a day school. This would not have been possible then had it not been for a gift of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (gold) which an Arkansas lady gave for our work. We stretched this money out as far as possible, and don't know how we would have managed without it, as our work had no appropriation and only three scholarships. In four months the school had thirty pupils, and now we have forty-five, with more to come as soon as we make room for them. The growth of the school has fully demonstrated that the school was needed.

During the tent meeting this year nine young girls became probationers, and this fall we have all of them in school except one, whose father does not believe in girls being educated.

The Sunday school continues to be a most important part of our work, and we appreciate the help some other centers have given. All of the workers have given efficient service, and we are delighted to see improvement in the children, though sometimes it seems a hopeless task to try to teach them.

I was allowed to move to Kong Hong last spring, and I appreciate being in the work instead of going to it daily. The arrival of Miss Herndon was indeed a great event, and she received a hearty welcome. To say that I am delighted to have a coworker is putting it mildly indeed. The Heavenly Father knew our need, and Miss Herndon has already found her place in the work.

We are crowded and not altogether comfortably located, but we

are quite convenient for the work, and we are glad. Of course we are using the old buildings, and at each stage in the growth of the work this year it has been necessary to ask for the use of another old room and get it repaired. This refrain in this report reminds me of the story that had no end which said, "And another grasshopper went in and brought out another grain of corn"; but mine reads, "And another old room was repaired and used, and another old room was repaired and used," until all the rooms that I've dared to ask for have been repaired and used, and still I haven't room enough. Recently the presiding elder sent me word that after Conference he might need some of these repaired rooms, and so I had to move my Bible women out and start to repairing another old house. We certainly hope that the old buildings may soon be torn away and buildings erected suitable for the various kinds of work needed at this strategic center.

As I look back and see what the Lord has done for us during the year, I feel very humble and very grateful and know it is only the beginning of what he will do for Kong Hong.

WOMAN'S WORK AND DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS IDA ANDERSON, 1902, South Georgia Conference.

MISS ELLA LEVERITT, 1896, North Georgia Conference.

MISS TOMMIE FOSTER, 1909, Mississippi Conference.

MISS ALICE GREEN, 1912, North Carolina Conference.

EAST GATE, CHANGCHOW.

Miss Ida Anderson:

During the year 1912 we have outgrown our present quarters, and are waiting eagerly to get room for extension. We have secured a house just opposite the present one, but will probably not get possession of it before March, 1913. This house will be the home for Miss Green and myself and also be used for the extension of the work.

I have had the assistance of two Bible women, two helpers, and one Christian teacher. The work has been largely evangelistic, every afternoon being given to meetings for women or children or to visiting in the homes. I have given my afternoons to this work with the Bible women and my mornings to school work.

We have two day schools. One is attended by the better class of girls (numbering twenty-six); and although the tuition is only \$1 per month for the advanced pupils and 50 cents for beginners, this is more than is charged by any other girls' school in Changchow. Our other school, of fourteen girls, is for poorer children and is a half-day school, being conducted by Bible women in the mornings. In these two schools forty girls have been taught the Bible daily. Our schools here are recognized by the Chinese Board of Education, and in every way we

have been considered and made to feel that we are welcome and that our efforts are appreciated. Every school in the city gave holiday Christmas week.

During part of the year I have given two hours a week to English classes in the large school for girls opened by the gentry. I have had every freedom in talking with the girls out of class hours. Each time I took one hundred tracts, and was allowed to distribute them among pupils and teachers.

We have begun an English Sunday school, and I sent an invitation to the English classes in this large school to meet with us. I have just received a note saying that the class of about thirty girls would enroll themselves as pupils in our Sunday school. This Sunday school meets before the regular church service, and these girls will attend this service too, together with our own schoolgirls.

We have our Chinese Sunday school in the afternoon, and have had the services of eight of our own schoolgirls as teachers. Five of them have joined the Church, and the other three have not yet been allowed to join.

We are anxious to do a larger work during the new year, which a new house, the coming of Miss Green, and a new Bible woman will make possible. I am also hoping to be able to have two additional Bible women. Our Bible women are becoming more efficient all the time and are fellow workers of whom we are not ashamed. There has been a song of praise in my heart this year for the beautiful service I have seen them giving.

Some regular work has been done with the hut women, about eighty of whom are enrolled. Whatever the weather may be, there is always a full attendance. Many of the women listen eagerly, and there have been several conversions among them. One of the Bible women gives fifty cents of her tithe money to this work each month.

Mr. Bailie, of Nanking, who is colonizing the famine refugees, has kindly promised to start them in braiding straw for hats, for which he will provide a sale. This work will be of immense value to these women. My plan will be to divide these women into classes of twenty or twenty-five and have each class to come once a week for a Bible lesson.

When Miss Green comes to me, it will be the crowning joy of a full, happy year.

NORTH GATE, CHANGCHOW.

Miss Ella D. Leveritt:

The work has steadily grown, and in many ways this has been a blessed year. We have had some disappointments and sorrows, but looking backward we lose sight of these, for we see written across it all: "Blessing." There is a great need for more workers—one good Bible woman and one teacher, and we are praying for another mission-

ary. Until we have these needed women the work must suffer. We have been able to organize the work better this term; but three of the workers are leaving, and it will be impossible to carry on the work as it is now unless we can get help.

Four women and four girls have been received into the Church this year. We now have a class of about forty probationers among our girls.

Since our spring term we have enrolled ninety pupils. I rejoice to think of this number of girls taking their Christian books and Bibles home every day. The outlook is truly beautiful, and we are looking for much fruit among the girls and their mothers. We have a Sunday school for them, and a large number of the girls attend.

NORTH GATE, CHIANGCHOW.

Miss Tommie Augusta Foster:

Last year I was transferred to Changchow to help Miss Leveritt at the North Gate. In the fall we had just reached good working order when we had to leave on account of the revolution. We went to Shanghai for a while, and from there I went to Foochow to attend the Northern Methodist Mission Conference, getting back just in time to help with Christmas, as we thought it safe to go back to Changchow about a week before Christmas.

After China New Year Mrs. Wang and I had charge of the afternoon day school for girls. We had twenty-six regular pupils until school closed for the summer, when most of them matriculated for the regular day school for the fall term, where they are doing good work.

HUCHOW DISTRICT.

HUCHOW.

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN, 1878, our first missionary, Memphis Conference.

MISS MILDRED BOMAR, 1892, East Texas Conference.

MISS CLARA E. STEGER, 1894, Southwest Missouri Conference.

MISS MARY LOU WHITE, 1906, Virginia Conference.

MISS SARAH J. SMITH, 1910, Virginia Conference.

MISS ANNIE BRADSHAW, 1911, Virginia Conference.

MISS MITTIE J. SHELTON, 1911, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS NINA TROY, 1912, Western North Carolina Conference.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL.

Mary Lou White:

ENGLISH AND MUSIC.

For the past three months my work in Virginia School has been for the most part elementary English, classes not sufficiently versed in the foreign language to keep on advancing without a large amount of

explanation in their native tongue. Owing to the size of our music department and the fact that our new music teacher has to spend half the day in language study, two music history classes and two singing classes have fallen to my charge for the present. Incidentally, it will be to the profit of such classes when the real music teacher can take them in charge. However, because of these music classes it happens that I teach every girl in school except one for at least one-half hour a week, and I scarcely need say that I am delighted to be able thus to touch practically every pupil.

Besides the daily teaching and the participation in our school and the semimonthly literary society, I teach a Sunday school class of about twenty girls, most of them being Virginia School pupils and the young women helpers from Memphis School. One very interesting hour in the week is spent at the Friday afternoon Sunday school teachers' meeting, where the teachers, native and foreign, take turns in teaching the lesson for the following Sunday.

WOMAN'S WORK, HUCHOW.

Sarah J. Smith:

The year's work has been to me most pleasant in every way, interesting especially because of its variety. I still have the most grateful of hearts because my lot has been cast with the Huchow workers. Their kindness has been constant, and they have never failed in their help at any point where I have needed help. To them, each and all, I owe a debt of gratitude, and from each I have received just that which I needed to help me this year.

I taught three Bible classes in Virginia School, and they were one of my chief pleasures until Miss White's return made any outside help unnecessary. A new pleasure came to me because I was asked to teach in Memphis School. I have three classes, and I have said enough when I say that I look forward with always increasing joy to being with Miss Rankin's girls, who are so interested and interesting and ever courteous. I am especially glad to have them because it gives me an opportunity, in connection with our woman's work, to enter the homes of our people.

This fall I've just begun to do some work in our woman's department. It may have been with a stammering tongue and a faltering heart, but I am grateful for the beginning. In leading the meetings my own heart has been blessed and cheered. I have been touched by the way the women have been responding to every request made of them. If I ask them to lead in prayer or speak, or lead a meeting, they do it cheerfully. Some who have not done such things before have come to our help. Without them I could not have done anything. It has been a joy to see their growth in grace and their efforts to bring in out-

siders. In all Miss Bomar has been unfailing in her advice and help, and I thank God for her and others and all the blessings this year has brought.

HUCHOW CITY DAY SCHOOLS.

Miss Lochie Rankin:

A year of fourteen months fraught with many events outside the usual routine of social life is awaiting recognition in the annals of reports. Time would fail to count its blessings or record all its joys, and yet sorrow has shadowed its brightest days. Our hearts are still aching over the sad news brought months ago from the dear homeland. The passing away of our former President and Secretary, both loved and honored beyond the ordinary, is indeed a cause for mourning. We bow our heads in speechless sorrow, though assured that theirs is the joy unspeakable. In our own little circle more than one pupil is grieving for a father, while others have suffered much from illness and loss of property. We have known something of the horrors of war, the misery of famine sufferers, and the distress attending financial straits; but of these there is no need to speak.

We have rejoiced with the new republic in its triumphs for freedom, though we are still struggling with the same powers of darkness that ruled during the empire days.

With more than mere joy we note that the day schools are meeting one great need in China. Memphis School is justly proud of the teachers it has sent forth and of the work they are doing. None of these young girls have finished the course, but cheerfully, though not by choice, responded to the call of the mission for day school teachers. The two Bible women connected with the three schools teach Bible classes during the morning, visit in the afternoon, and hold at least one formal meeting for women every week. They also visit the sick and take special interest in the mothers of the pupils.

We are deeply grateful to those in authority who so kindly allowed the use of funds in hand for building a new classroom with covered space for drills and other physical culture work. Both are a daily joy and comfort to pupils and teachers. Among the richest blessings and highest joys the year has brought we count Miss Smith, who gives six hours a week to class work in Memphis School, and Miss Shelton, who spends an hour every Saturday morning with the class in physical culture, giving lessons to the older pupils and criticizing the week's work of the pupils who give the daily drills. Theirs is a work of love, and the happy influence of their presence counts largely in the sum total of the day's work.

We still grieve for Miss Emma Steger, although Miss Zung has carried on her work faithfully. Visitors often praise the work of her

solfeccio class. Instrumental music is limited to that within the compass of a baby organ.

We are greatly encouraged in our evangelistic work. Many are coming into the Church, and a few are bringing their mothers with them.

STATISTICS.

Number of schools	3
Number of teachers.....	4
Pupils	117
Bible women connected with the three schools.....	2
Communicants among the pupils.....	23

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

Shanghai District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
SHANGHAI.		
McTyeire School..... (Clopton-Lambuth is the Primary Department.)	225	Miss Helen Lee Richardson, Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Miss Julia Wasson, Miss Clara Park, Miss Leila Judson Tuttle, Miss Mary Lou White, Miss Hixson.
SUNGKIANG.		
Susan B. Wilson School.....	87	Miss Alice Waters, Miss Nell Drake, Miss Nettie Peacock, Miss Bessie Combs.
Kindergartens (2)	34	
Hayes-Wilkins School.....	77	Mrs. Gaither.
Outstations (10). Day Schools (10).....	286	Miss Irene King.

Huchow District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
HUCHOW.		
Virginia School.....	58	Miss Clara Steger, Miss Bradshaw, Miss Shelton, Miss Nina Troy.
Memphis School.....	117	Miss Lochie Rankin.
West Gate Annex.....		
Woman's Work.....	.....	Miss Mildred Bomar, Miss Sarah J. Smith.
Outstations (11). Schools in Outstations (11)....	110	

Soochow District.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
SOOCHOW.		
Laura Haygood.....	110	Miss Martha Pyle, Miss Janie Watkins, Mrs. S. S. Harris (at home), Miss Edith Hayes.
Day School.....	15	
Davidson Memorial.....	134	Miss Virginia Atkinson, Miss Margaret Beadle, Miss Frances Burkhead.
Soochow Kindergarten Training School.....	21	Miss Nevada Martin.
Kindergartens (2).....	80	Mrs. Van (native teacher).
Industrial School.....	170	Miss Emma Service Lester, Miss Dora Otis.
Woman's Hospital.....	6,000	Dr. Ethel Polk.
Medical Students.....	8	
Nurses in Training.....	11	Miss Mary Hood (registered nurse).
Outstations (7).....		Miss Mary Culler White (evangelist), Miss Theodosia Wales.
Day Schools (12).....	436	
Woman's Work.....		Miss Mary Minor Tarrant.
KONG HONG.		
Day School.....	45	Miss Maggie Rogers, Miss Flora Herndon.
Kindergarten.....	23	
CHANGCHOW.		
<i>Evangelistic and Educational.</i>		
East Gate (2 Day Schools).....	40	Miss Ida Anderson and Miss Alice Green.
Women.....	80	
North Gate.....	90	Miss Ella D. Leveritt and Miss Tommie Foster.

Recapitulation.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.	VALUE OF PROPERTY.
Shanghai.....	709	13	\$ 109,650
Huchow.....	285	7	26,500
Soochow.....	1,263	21	204,205
Total (36).....	2,257	41	\$340,355

KOREA.

“CONDITIONS in Korea urgently call for the prayer of faith, the prayer that prevails with God. Korea has for a quarter of a century been one of the most open, most promising, most fruitful mission fields of the world. It has been the theater of most unparalleled missionary activity and success. The policies and the methods adopted by the missionaries evidently have been wise and have had the indorsement of the most enlightened leaders and representatives of the Japanese government. The blessing of God has rested upon the labors of his servants. Tens of thousands of Koreans have been converted and have given unmistakable proof of the genuineness of their faith by the uprightness of their lives and by their willingness to suffer the loss of all things for Christ’s sake.

“A situation has developed between the Japanese military police and the Korean Church which has greatly disturbed the missionary body and the Church and which is calculated to work serious injury to the cause of missions, so dear to the hearts of millions of Christians in the United States, in Canada, in Great Britain, and on the Continent.

“An appeal is made to the Church for prayer in behalf of conditions in Korea, not only because of the natural power of prayer, but especially because the situation there is so embarrassing and of such a character that it seems unwise at present to appeal to political or other influences in order to rectify the situation. A very special dependence is therefore laid on prayer to solve the difficulty of the situation.”

Our Church opened work in Korea in 1895; the women in 1898, Mrs. J. P. Campbell being our first missionary to this nation.

No people have ever appealed more strongly to the Christian world than the Koreans. In their humiliation of to-day the appeal is no less strong than when in their simple, childlike faith they, almost as a nation, marched victoriously with Christ as their leader. To-day they have no country to live for, no homes to enjoy. They are a broken-hearted people; yet this very condition constitutes

Korea's opportunity. This is God's opportunity; this is our opportunity. "Korea's humiliation is Christianity's call."

We have work in Seoul, Songdo, Choon-Chun, Wonsan, and in country districts.

SEOUL.

The character of the work in our schools has been attended by a marked improvement, although the number of schools has not been increased and buildings and equipment are the same as last year. Miss Nichols and Miss Smith, aided by a corps of devoted and interested Korean teachers, have worked most faithfully and diligently in Carolina Institute. They have taken courage from the hope of a new building in the near future. (We at home have been looking anxiously for months for the plans, which have to be approved by the committee here before the building can be erected.—Mrs. J. B. C.) Every part of the district will be strengthened by the erection of this building on our beautiful hill property.

Our three day schools have been directed by Miss Smith. The best work cannot be done until they are located in suitable quarters.

Mrs. J. P. Campbell, who has recently returned to Korea after a furlough spent in America, writes: "It is much harder to work among the people than formerly, but I think that those who do come to us will be of much stronger faith and of a truer purpose than formerly. The time has arrived in the work when we have many more perplexing questions than we have had previously, and such striking results will not put us so far ahead of other fields as heretofore. But the whole world seems in a greater struggle on spiritual lines than ever before."

Report of woman's work in Chong Kyo and other Churches, by Miss Mamie Myers:

Chong Kyo is the name of the large Church in Seoul, and under the term of "missions" are Char Kol Kyo (Church) and West Gate Kyo (Church). In these three Churches thirteen Bible women work. There are two Bible women who travel all their time in the country—one, Chung Candrace (Florence West), a graduate of Songdo Bible School, and one, Ye Sarah (Kathryn Watkins), trained by the workers in Seoul.

These Bible women work among the women of the Church, visiting the sick and discouraged, looking up Sunday school scholars, and teaching the heathen. Most of them are old and will have to be dropped





from the active list. Some of the younger ones have had more opportunity for study and are very efficient.

The Bible women meet with me every Thursday afternoon for Bible study. They are just completing the first year's course of study arranged by our mission, consisting of James, Mark, and the Church catechism. The women of West Gate Church meet every Tuesday afternoon for the same line of study. They have already received their first-year certificates, and are very happy over them. This class is composed mostly of young women. They are very bright and study diligently. They are now deeply interested in John's Gospel. The women of Char Kol Church have had a Bible study class under Mrs. Gerdine.

Two of the Bible women went to the country for three weeks in December. They came back with hearts aglow and filled with joy because of the service they had rendered. On this trip they visited several places, went as a blessing into many homes, and led quite a number into the true light. The Father is blessing their work, and they and I are thankful to have a part in bringing Korea to Christ.

SONGDO.

MISS ELLASUE WAGNER, 1901, Holston Conference.

MISS CORDELIA ERWIN, 1905, Memphis Conference.

MISS MARY F. JOHNSTONE, 1908, South Georgia Conference.

MISS LILLIE REED, 1911, East Oklahoma Conference.

MISS LAURA SUMMERS, 1912, North Georgia Conference.

HOLSTON INSTITUTE.

Miss Ellasue Wagner, Principal:

In many ways the past year has been hard. I have made mistakes and failures; sometimes I have let the cares depress and discourage me; there have been trials and temptations of many kinds which made me feel at times that I could not bear it longer. But hard though the way has been, as I look upon it now in retrospect, it is with the realization of the fact that the blessings have been innumerable greater than the trials, and I am looking to the future with renewed joy, trying to rely more completely upon the strength and presence of the One who has said: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

We believe that Holston Institute is in a better condition than it has ever been. The difficulties before us are much greater than in the past, and the requirements along educational lines are much greater than we had ever anticipated. Nevertheless, the opportunities are proportionately enlarged. The absolute lack of properly equipped Korean teachers is one of our greatest difficulties; and we are often perplexed and distressed, knowing that we are facing one of the most stupendous problems that it has yet been the lot of our Church to cope with in the

transition of Korea. It is a time that calls for patience and hard work, for devotion to the people and the task before us, and, above all else, consecration to the will of the Master in service and love.

Our girls are a constant joy to us. The girls in the senior year of the academy have, I believe, a bright future before them. There are eleven in the class, and from among this number we are expecting to choose two to be trained as kindergarten teachers and two as music teachers. We trust that arrangements can be made to send some of them to Hiroshima, Japan, for training with Miss Gaines after they graduate here next March. I am convinced that our hope for good teachers in our Korean school for the future lies not in the missionary from abroad, but in the graduates from our Christian schools sent out into the hard, dark corners of their country to teach their sisters.

In order to make our school year conform to the government requirements and school terms, we were obliged to force nine months' work into six months, having our promotion and commencement exercises the last of March instead of in June, as hitherto, then having a week's vacation and opening the first term of the new school year April 8. At this time our most advanced class, most of whom have been with us eight years or longer, were promoted to the last year of the academy, and will receive their certificates in that department the last of next March.

We take great delight in expressing our gratitude to Mr. Deal for the helpful service rendered to the school this summer. While others of us were enjoying our summer vacation, Mr. Deal was toiling from early morning until late at night putting in the steam-heating plant for Holston Institute with unskilled workmen, which made it necessary for him to do most of the delicate work and make important connections himself. To render the matter of installing this plant yet more difficult, when the engine arrived from America last spring many of the pieces were badly broken—one into eleven pieces, another into nineteen pieces, and another into so many fragments that we never found them all to be counted. For a while we felt very blue over the situation, for another winter without any heat was not a pleasing prospect. But Mr. Thompson and Mr. Deal have made and recast the pieces which could not be gotten in Seoul or in Japan.

We wish also to express our thanks to Mrs. Higgins for her faithful work with the most advanced music pupils, to Mrs. Deal for her valuable aid in teaching the girls physical culture, and to Mr. Deal for his teaching in the normal Sunday school class on Friday evenings in preparation for the afternoon Sunday school for children at North Ward Church. Miss Nishimore came to us last fall from Japan. She is a graduate of the Presbyterian School at Nagoya, Japan, and, having had three years' experience as teacher in a mission school in Formosa, comes to us well qualified as a helper. She has all along been tireless in her

effort and sweet even under most trying circumstances, and has shown great interest in all departments of school and Church work. In April, at the beginning of the spring term, Miss Reed came to us from Seoul, where she had been studying the language, and she is winning her way with pupils and teachers alike. Through her instrumentality the school received the first contribution toward what is to be known as the "Lillie Reed Library." Miss Tinsley also came to Songdo at this time; and although her appointment was to the Bible School, since that school had closed its session, we had the pleasure of having her in the school during the spring months. While she continued her study, she taught a class in English for us. To her are due thanks for her generosity and thoughtfulness in the fitting up of the prayer room on the third floor.

The furniture for the Pauline Hill Staley Chapel, consisting of pulpit, pulpit chairs, communion table, chancel railing, and some pews for the teachers and guests, has been ordered. We trust that in the near future we shall have a memorial of Mrs. Staley in the chapel which bears the name of this noble woman.

The Master has blessed the school abundantly; and while at times the burdens and the cares have been heavy, and sometimes the way has seemed dark and lonely, I have turned with renewed courage to the way before, knowing that He who says, "Go! Lo, I am with you," is not slack concerning his promises.

Later:

Our school opened on September 16. The girls were all delighted to be back again after the summer vacation, and we were delighted to welcome a number to our school for the first time. Some five or six came from a village school out in the country, and were able to enter the fourth grade of our school. This school from which they came has been run and supported for several years by a wealthy Korean widow. But she, desiring to study, has come into Songdo, and is now attending the Mary Helm School, thus fitting herself to do some useful work when she returns to her home. She is an earnest Christian woman, and has the welfare of the Korean children at heart.

Our graduating class has been disbanded for this year, and our class of eleven girls who would have been graduated next spring are teaching. When time came in September for these country schools to open, there were no teachers to be found, and it looked as though six or more flourishing schools would have to be closed; but we decided to lay the matter before the girls and ask if they were willing to put off graduating a year. It was quite a sacrifice for them to make, for they have been planning and looking forward to this auspicious event for some eight years; but they saw the greater need, and in the loveliest Christian spirit they responded, saying: "Here am I; send me." We were proud of them, and feel that those who have helped to educate them should

also feel very proud of them. They are a bright, lovely set of girls. We hear splendid reports of their work, and the people are delighted with them.

We need to establish more country day schools, for the hope of our Church depends in a very large measure upon the work of these schools. We have the opportunity now to command the education of the children of Christians; but if we delay, the government will take charge of it. In most of the county seats and larger villages they have established well-equipped schools for boys, and in some places for girls. If those schools once secure our children, they are lost to the Church.

The girls are planning for a Christmas entertainment and looking forward to it with much pleasure. They are learning some very pretty drills and Christmas songs, one of which will be in English.

I am delighted to tell you that I now have two ladies in school with me, and that our heating plant is working nicely, and we are very comfortable this cold weather. Miss Reed is teaching one class in Bible every day and doing all of my correspondence and office work. Miss Summers has only recently come to us, but she is a great pleasure to us all. We three live in the school with the girls, and are very happy together.

Miss Lillie Reed writes interestingly of the work she is doing, which covers Holston Institute, day schools, and Bible women:

All of the school terms and schedules have been changed so as to conform to the government standards for mission schools. The course covers four years in the primary and four years in the grammar grades.

Tak Anna, the mother of one of the Holston girls, is one of the oldest Bible women, and will graduate in April. She is fifty-six years old, and is very bright and attractive. She lives at Chang Dang, a village twenty miles distant. She is going home soon to her husband's sixtieth birthday, which will be the occasion of a feast and a great celebration.

Kim Mary, one of our girls, is teaching at this village this year. Kim Gracie has a girls' school just beyond there. At E Chun, a village half-way between here and Wonsan, Eunice will teach for seven or nine months. There are thirty girls at that place. This is three schools that we have now, and in April I think we could start four more good schools if we had a small sum of money to help pay the teachers' salaries. The patrons pay four yen, and we are paying one of them from the school fund two yen a month, and I am supplying to the other two. The people cannot get teachers and pay them a salary that they can live on. In every place the people can and will pay for their board, room, and heat in the winter; but owing to the great stress and poverty and the pull that the government schools are making to get the children, we must do something for them. At a Korean school across the hill there are five splendid Christian young women who will graduate and who

have already taught in these schools. They will be ready for work in May, and we should like to be able to keep in touch with them.

Recently I visited South Ward Day School and found forty-five little girls and the teacher, who is a good one, in a small, fifteen-foot room built onto the church. The children were sitting so close on the floor that if one moved all the others had to move. They sang their Christmas pieces for me. Each class, three in all, recited Bible texts in concert for me; then each class began at the first lesson and recited all the lessons to the last one studied. They did not stop except to catch their breaths. Then they read Chinese characters; and I have great respect for them, for Chinese characters are the bane of my existence. They have the Korean and Chinese readers and arithmetic, and will have Japanese as soon as the Japanese teacher reaches here. The third class did some sums in addition for me with three or four columns and to the ten thousands. They have fifty-five on the roll, and a great many are from heathen homes. I visit every Friday afternoon for the school, going with the Bible women. It is probable that both the East Ward and the South Ward will rebuild in April. I think four rooms of forty children each could be opened up the first day we are ready for them. We have a wonderful opportunity here in Songdo. They have forty or more at East Ward; and Kim Lucy, who was married to one of the boys at the Anglo-Korean School in July, is doing fine work.

The Bible School opened the middle of November. There are thirty-four women enrolled; and Miss Erwin, Miss Johnstone, Miss Tinsley, and Kim Naomi are doing the teaching. There will be ten or eleven graduates this next spring. Miss Erwin works so hard and so late I am afraid she will not be able long to hold up at it; and when she gets back from one of her long country trips, she is so tired and sore and worn that she can scarcely rest. We need more women for itinerating in the country. The Bible School lasts six months this year, and those who do this work cannot get far out of town. When you are sending your specials, do not forget some evangelistic workers.

We are all grateful to God for being allowed to labor here for him and for these dear Korean women and girls.

JOY HARDIE BIBLE SCHOOL.

Miss Erwin has had charge of the school, which has been much overcrowded. Many women who have been trained in the school are now working as Bible women in all parts of the Songdo and East Songdo Districts. The women have conducted study classes for country women and have helped many of their sisters into a broader, higher life.

MARY HELM SCHOOL.

Miss Mary F. Johnstone:

Twelve boarders and five day pupils compose the student body of this school. Seven of these have finished four years and three months of the course, and expect to graduate this coming March. It will be joy indeed to send out the young women to fill the vacancies in our country schools. One has decided to enter the ranks of the nurses at the hospital under Miss Harris's instruction.

The girls are now boarding and studying in a five-room Korean house, and a new building is much needed.

Our head teacher is a competent Korean man who graduated from one of the schools in Seoul and taught in our boys' school here before taking up his present work. We had a Christian Japanese woman who taught her own vernacular two hours each day. She resigned in June; and though we have made inquiry, we have not yet succeeded in finding some one to take her place. One of the former students of the Wonsan Girls' School teaches crocheting. Our girls like this work and are making good progress. One of the graduates from the Bible School has taught catechism and Bible. During the first part of the year I taught the girls some songs; but during April, May, and June we secured the services three times a week of the music teacher from the boys' school. Since the teachers are not very old (neither are the girls), we have an elderly Korean woman for matron, one of whose duties it is to sit in the classroom while the men teach.

As yet we are an unregistered school; but it now seems advisable to register, so we shall take the proper steps immediately.

Our course covers five years—three in primary work and two in intermediate. The studies include Chinese, writing, arithmetic, hygiene, Bible, singing, Japanese, history, geography, natural history, elements of physics, elements of chemistry, elements of botany, and a little algebra, housework, and crocheting.

The students do their own cooking, their own housekeeping and laundering. Work lists are made out each week, so that each young woman takes her turn at each kind of work.

We have tried the plan this last year of charging only half board. This was purely experimental and, to some, questionable. But we discussed it in local board meeting, and came to this conclusion for several reasons: (1) The country schools were so pressing in their requests for teachers that it seemed urgent to have all the pupils in training that we could possibly secure. (2) There were young women who wanted to study, but were unable to do so because the board charged in the school was much more than the cost of living in the home, and they had no means of raising the amount. (3) These young women would not only incur the increased expense of board, but they are

daughters-in-law, which means one less worker in running house affairs in their absence. So we felt that we must make it as easy as possible for them to study. I do not believe it has been money wasted. The girls have studied well; and should unforeseen circumstances prevent them from completing their course, they will still wield an influence for good in the villages and homes from which they come.

ITINERATING.

After the last annual meeting, when we began planning the fall work, we found that there were three to itenerate—Miss Erwin, Mrs. Collyer, and I—and only one, Miss Wagner, in school work. This seemed an unfair division. I had formerly taught in the school. I knew and loved the girls, so I took two classes in Holston Institute until the Bible School opened. This is an explanation of my nonitineration before Christmas.

In the spring, after the Bible School closed, I held two classes for the women in South Ward Circuit. The women seemed interested, and the attendance was good. There was much sickness in the country at that time, so I visited in the homes of those who could not attend the classes.

I had the privilege in one place of reopening a school that had been closed for some time. The Church leader asked that I give the school a suitable name, so I took my brother's name, Manghum, which went into Chinese and Korean beautifully. "Mang" means "opening, budding, sprouting," and "ghum" means "gold, precious," so the meaning was appropriate.

The year has had its shadows and its sunshine, its clouds and its rainbows. God has been good. I can praise him in the words of David (Ps. xl. 5): "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." I am conscious that much has been left undone—sometimes through lack of knowledge, sometimes lack of time, sometimes lack of strength; but I wish to enter the new year with new strength born of hope, saying in the words of David and ever remembering as my motto, Psalm xx. 5: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. . . . Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

EAST WARD DAY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary F. Johnstone:

This day school, though still small and without suitable building, continues to fill the need at East Ward Church. The children number thirty-eight. There are three grades, besides a beginners class where the children learn to read and write.

We are now teaching according to the government requirements as outlined for the primary department of Holston Institute. It is our policy to have the children from the town study in the day schools, taking primary work, and enter Holston for the higher classroom work. So while we have only three classes now, from year to year, as it seems feasible and expedient, we shall add to the day school grades.

According to the new regulations, the school term runs from April to April. This last year was the first time we have given certificates. It was a great day for teacher, children, and parents. The children had songs, speeches, and scripture texts. It was appropriate and pleasing that Mr. Moose, our pastor, should give us a message which was timely. It was interesting and thrilling to see little girls of six and eight stand composedly and in happy voice and manner give the welcoming addresses.

The teacher, who has been faithful and diligent, came several times this last year to say that she must have assistance, which was refused. I reminded her that she had only three grades, whereas teachers in America frequently had sixty or seventy pupils, composed of several grades. Still she was not convinced, and evidently told her troubles to some of the Church members; for after a short interim she came the third time, saying that she had a plan to propose. She did not know how I would view and receive it, but its accomplishment would make her very happy. I heard and sanctioned her plan, and the same was put into effect the following week. Four of the Christian merchants in East Ward expressed their interest in the school and their willingness to give an hour a day to classroom work. One knew quite a bit of Chinese, one could speak Japanese, and two proffered their services as catechism teachers. I felt that it was quite an opportunity for letting some of the Church members assume some of the responsibility of the Church school; and their interest in the school, as evinced in their willingness to help, pleased me very much. So now we have six teachers—four men and two women.

Miss Hortense Tinsley:

This has indeed been a blessed and happy year for me, and I have been glad every minute of the time that it was my privilege to be in Korea. I have had no difficulty in learning to love the Koreans. I worked away at my appointed task, that of language study, for the first six months in Seoul under Mr. Cram's efficient and valued direction, and later in Songdo with my Korean teacher. I have given three talks in Korean. Besides my language study, I have attempted no other work except a class in English at Holston Institute. My hardest task has been to be still and patient when I saw so much that needed to be done and the other missionaries so badly overworked. So I am looking eagerly forward to the time when I can really enter the work with and for the Korean women and children whom I love so dearly.

WONSAN.

MISS SALLIE KATE COOPER, 1908, North Georgia Conference.

MISS HALLIE BUIE, 1909, Mississippi Conference.

MISS ALICE DEAN NOYES, 1910, North Georgia Conference.

MISS MYRTLE BARKER, 1911, Kentucky Conference.

MISS BERTHA TUCKER, 1911, North Georgia Conference.

LUCY CUNINGGIM HOME AND SCHOOL.

Report of Miss Hallie Buie, Principal:

Last year, when I was placed in charge of this school, I wondered how I should find time for the numerous duties which would confront me. Many tasks have been left incomplete, and others have been untouched; but the Father has been very near all the time to help bear the burdens and to brighten the way.

Most of the session has been spent in the old school building, and consequently no new pupils could be received; and in addition to this, some of the girls left the school to marry. Therefore the enrollment has been smaller than last year, the highest number being seventy.

When a girl is doing well in school and the mother-in-law comes and insists that she must go home to marry and no contract has been made that will hold her in school a few years longer, one feels that marriage is a misfortune, especially when the bride elect goes away weeping and bemoaning her fate.

With a new matron to train, and with two of the best teachers absent, the work of supervision and teaching has been harder than usual.

The educated Koreans prefer to live in the capital, so it has been difficult to secure good teachers for Wonsan. The curriculum of the school has been receiving much attention, and it is now almost up to the government standard. Good work has been done during the past session; and as the school gets better graded, the pupils realize more and more their needs and become better students. The Bible classes have been a joy to me. As we traveled with Moses or journeyed with Paul, many spiritual truths came to us anew, and each one of us learned to know our Lord better. The girls in their League talks often told of some truth they had gotten from their Bible study. The League is a fine one, and means much to the girls spiritually.

Good work is being done in the Industrial Department. The embroidery is fine, and better methods are being learned for cooking, house-cleaning, washing, and ironing. All the girls make their own clothes.

We moved into the new building on March 4, and new trials awaited us there; for the workmen were still in the house, and the girls had to accustom themselves to new conditions. The architect was compelled to leave before the building was completed. Dr. Ross, who took

charge of the work, had already more than he could well do; so I relieved him of much of the work and incidentally had a splendid study of Korean character from a new standpoint. The building will be completed by fall, when many new pupils are expected to enter.

Splendid reports are received from the girls who have gone out to teach in the country schools, and we are praying that they may lead many to Christ.

Miss Myrtle Barker:

Various experiences have been mine since I came to Korea, but most of them have been pleasant ones, and all have taught me useful lessons.

The language school closed the last of March, and early in April I started for Wonsan. At that time Miss Erwin was starting on a country trip which brought her nearly to Wonsan, so I joined her and came on horseback. I deem it one of my greatest privileges to have had this contact with the work in the country, and the eagerness with which the women studied the Bible would convince the most skeptical that missions pay.

After reaching Wonsan, I took a class in English in Lucy Cuninggim School and a Sunday school class of young married women. This year my mornings are given to study and my afternoons to teaching. I have classes in Bible, English, physical culture, and music. The days are busy, happy ones, and I thank my Master daily for the privilege of serving him in this land.

ALICE COBB BIBLE SCHOOL AND WOMAN'S WORK.

Report of Miss Sallie Kate Cooper, Principal:

Some one has said that to take a child while it is young and train it up for God is one of the greatest works under heaven. My time this year has been spent in giving a chance to those who had come to the full meridian and evening of life without having had an opportunity of being trained for Christ; and to me it seems a wonderful privilege to give the old women a chance before it is too late. One dear old grandmother said on one occasion that she was *three* years old, and then explained that she had only begun to live since she had been born into the kingdom of heaven three years ago. So, after all, the women are in God's sight only children such as Jesus loves to bless and claim for his own jewels.

The opportunities during this year have been greater and more varied than those of any previous year, and there has been more joy for me in the service of my Master as I have tried to minister to the spiritual needs of not only the women hid away in the country villages, but also of those who have heard the call of Jesus and have come out from among the unbelieving to study the Word of God in the Bible School.

Soon after the annual meeting had closed, I went out to the country work, and one of the greatest privileges that came to me was to strengthen the faith of the Bible women as I met them in their own spheres of labor. In this way I visited all except four of our Bible women, traveling with them from church to church and entering with them into their difficulties and hardships. Some of our Bible women have a true experience and endure much in their work, while the one great need of the majority of them is to enter into the abiding fellowship with their Saviour that will make them enduring Christians.

During the fall and spring I made seventy visits to groups of Christian women and organized thirty-five classes for the study of the Bible course.

We made it our aim to encourage every Christian woman to become a Bible reader; and as many did not know how to read, we made provision for them to study their own alphabet. Of the believing women and girls who could read the Bible already, one hundred and eighty-two pledged themselves to study diligently the first year's course.

After organizing each Bible class, we appointed a leader to guide and direct the study, and then decided upon a certain night for the women to meet and study together. In places where the women did not know how to study I taught Mark and James to get them started, and often I gave the whole day to it; for, having had a taste of the good things in the Word, they did not want to stop.

The total number of boarders enrolled during the session was sixty, which is about the limit to the capacity of our dormitory. Twelve women came daily from Wonsan, making seventy-two in all. Although some of the women were old in years and new in the faith, we were greatly encouraged by their efforts and by the growth we could notice in their spiritual lives. The weekly prayer meetings were a source of much spiritual help, as the missionaries and Bible women took turn in leading these services.

The women gave much time to prayer, and often in the twilight we could see on the hillside behind the schoolhouse white figures bowed, with their faces in their hands, on the ground, and we knew there were battles being fought and won which would strengthen character.

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Peerman, and Miss Noyes have assisted in all the work for the women, and were a great blessing, not only by their helpful Bible lessons, but by the influence of their lives. In June certificates were given to the women who had passed successful examinations, and diplomas to the first graduating class. These were four in number, aged, respectively, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, and fifty-two, and all are Bible women who have been in service several years. The number of regular Bible women in the Wonsan territory is twenty-five. Besides these, three give half of their time, and six workers give all the time they can spare. For practical work during the winter, we divided the

city into districts and sent out the Bible women by twos. On Tuesday evenings these women gathered at some Christian home in the district the new believers and the women who could not read and taught them the Gospel of Mark. The average attendance at these classes was seventy. In this way every woman could study without having to go any distance from her home.

One promising feature of the Bible School work worthy of mention is the effort which the women are making to pay their own rice bills. Some sold grain to get the money; some sold their rings, and one made a bolt of silk; while the Churches helped out in the case of others, even though one Church was not able to give more than five cents. The total collected for board outside of that paid by the Bible women was one hundred and twenty-three yen.

To keep up the Bible study of the women during the months while the Bible School is not in session, we adopted this spring a reading course, thus requiring something of each class; and at the beginning of the new term we shall give them questions to be answered on what they have read at their homes. This, we hope, will encourage individual study of the Word even for the busy ones.

Our desire for the coming year is a deep heart revival among all our Christian women, that they may be rooted and grounded in the love and faith of Jesus Christ and be able, after having done all, to stand even though tried by fire.

DAY SCHOOLS AND EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Miss Bertha Tucker:

I have been placed in charge of day school work. This is, in a way, a new work—new because of changed conditions in Korea. The time has come when, if we do not get a hold upon the children, we shall lose our opportunities. Not only can we not run the girls' boarding schools because there will be so few girls prepared for high school work, but there are other agencies now in operation which are simply taking the children of the Church out of our hands. I refer to the government schools. These are made attractive in every possible way, by nice buildings and large playgrounds. Here in Wonsan there are three large buildings of this kind, with everything to attract. Hundreds of dollars are spent for apparatus which is never used, and perhaps is for little more than ornament. All these efforts are to draw away our children. In many cases they have succeeded to a very serious extent.

I have visited the government schools here in Wonsan, also in Seoul; and I have always found the children in great numbers in these light, clean, airy buildings, but I have never found them studying anything yet but the language, which is Japanese. We must be prepared to bring our schools up to the requirement as to equipment, curriculum, and

efficient teachers. These good buildings and fine equipment are found all over Korea, and we are in a delicate position in regard to day schools. It requires much more to run our schools now than formerly, because the government has compelled us to adopt the course of study which has been approved by the Governor of Chosen, and we are forced to grade our schools by it or they will be condemned by the authorities. We must teach Japanese now in our day schools, and it is not easy to find competent teachers. A certain amount of industrial work is demanded, also drawing and physical culture. A great deal of Chinese is also required, and, in fact, a number of things which render it quite necessary to employ several teachers. We are not able yet to find teachers who can teach all these different branches. The younger natives now do not know so much Chinese as the older men. On the other hand, the men who know Chinese enough to teach it, as a rule, do not know anything else. It is often a difficult matter to find a teacher for the day school who can teach arithmetic properly.

I have in my charge the two schools here in Wonsan and seven others out in the country. There is one good school building in Wonsan; the other school occupies a Korean house. We have seventy girls in this little straw-thatched Korean house. The girls are crowded beyond all possibility of comfort, and the building stands in danger of being condemned by the government any day and closed. Then our children will go to the government school, which is only a few blocks away. The time has come when the parents are anxious for their children to study.

It was so hard to find teachers for the schools that a year ago the senior class of Lucy Cuninggim School volunteered to go out in the country and teach for a year and then come back and finish. So five or six of the scholarship girls were sent, and they have done beautiful work in keeping these schools together. We lost one large school, which went over to the government because we did not have money to send a teacher out there. It seems, though, that we cannot depend upon the schoolgirls for this work, because it is putting them in places of temptation. One of these six who went out last year has fallen into sin, and she and the preacher with whom she boarded are worse than useless to the Church. More than this, the Church is hurt from the awful blow. Korean custom is such that we see we must be slow yet in placing women, especially young girls, in such positions of public responsibility. So what are we to do? We cannot let the children go. It is necessary to have married women and men as far as possible to teach in the schools. Fifteen yen (\$7.50) is the monthly salary of a man in Korea, and for women eight yen (\$4). This is the lowest we can give them.

My heart is sick over this school here in Wonsan. The money was asked for in the estimates at our annual meeting, I know, but it will

be so long before it comes. The demands are so urgent that if there is any possible way of securing a building here now we could save a school of girls who have had fair advantages, and many of them in a very few years will be ready for good work in the boarding school. We do not need expensive buildings. The Japanese are doing their work in simple wooden buildings, but they are comfortable and attractive. So important is this work among the children that in other denominations—the Presbyterian, for instance—kindergarten work is being taken up. An effort is being made by them to gain the children under school age before they are subjected to other influences.

I am very happy in the work. I teach the Bible one hour each day in the week, also physical culture. I am studying the language as I go. The time I have in preparing my Bible lesson is a great help to me, also the teaching and talking with the Koreans about the work. I feel that I know very little; but our God is wonderfully kind and good to the weak and foolish.

CHOON CHUN.

MISS LAURA EDWARDS, 1909, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS CARRIE UNA JACKSON, 1911, Memphis Conference.

MISS BESSIE OLIVER, 1912, South Georgia Conference.

Miss Laura Edwards:

I have teachers for three of our girls' country schools, and these schools are fairly well organized and graded, and I expect to have them registered this week as branches of our Choon Chun Girls' School.

Miss Wagner's girls, who were to graduate next April, offered themselves to help us supply our schools with teachers. Miss Wagner gave me four of them, three of whom I have placed in charge of country schools, and one of them is helping in our school in Choon Chun. I brought these four new helpers home with me from Songdo, and have been busy since taking each of them to her field of labor. The last one of them is placed at Wha Chun, where a very promising girls' day school has been opened. This place is a very large village, the seat of this county, and it is the home of a great number of small girls of school age. We have opened with twenty-five pupils, and will have many more. About half of these are from heathen homes. The other two schools which we have opened have twenty-two and thirty pupils, respectively. We are using the small Korean church buildings in each of these places for our schoolhouses. There is not a desk or chair, a foot of blackboard, a chart, or anything else as yet for the equipping of any of these Korean schools.

There has been adopted for all the Christian schools in Korea a uniform course of study, which is practically the same as that used in the government schools, except that for our schools we have Bible and singing every day and religious exercises every morning.

In each of these county seats where we have placed these girls' schools there is a government school for boys, housed in a good frame building, well equipped for high-class work. We now have a great opportunity to save the girls in these villages for God and the Church, which we cannot say of the boys in these places. We need funds to put up neat, inexpensive buildings in these places at once. If we do not establish and sustain good day schools in these most important places, our opportunity of doing anything with the young people in this district will be forever gone.

It is with a very sad heart that I must tell you of such a lost opportunity where last year twenty-four bright little girls gathered daily in the home of our preacher in Injay and were taught to read; they also studied the children's catechism. The preacher and other members of the Church begged us constantly to send them a teacher and establish a girls' school there. We saw at the time a splendid opportunity; but because we had no teacher available and no funds to secure one, we had to say to them: "No, not now. Wait until we are able to help." The government officials in that place saw that nothing was being done in the way of educating those children, and went to our preacher and said: "Do you expect to establish a girls' school here? If so, do it at once. If not, those girls must go to the government school for boys." All that the preacher could say was: "We hope to establish a school later; we have nothing in sight now." The girls were all put in the boys' school, not studying with them, but using the same faculty. We now have no chance whatever in that large county seat.

The opportunity in these other places is still ours. If we place good schools in them, we have every reason to believe that the government will not in any way oppose our work. If we do not have good primary, or common schools, as they are called here, we cannot hope to supply our large institutions with students. Since a large per cent of Korean girls will never study beyond the primary school, if we aim to have Christian home makers, we must have Christian primary schools.

At our annual meeting the entire mission body voted to accept the report of the Educational Board, which recommended day schools. You will notice also in our estimates for Choon Chun that we ask for four day school buildings. Please allow me to beg you for one of them immediately. I trust that some good woman or society is ready to supply the building at Hong Chun at once.

We all so much enjoyed having Dr. and Mrs. Pinson with us. They spent four days with us in Choon Chun, and are in hearty sympathy with our plans for our work there and throughout the district. Dr. Pinson agrees fully that we need a small, inexpensive boarding school in Choon Chun, and thinks that the \$5,000 provided by the South Carolina Conference will build our school and dormitory separately and also equip our

school building properly. He asked us to write out our plans for our buildings, as to size, style, and material, and to submit them to the architect for figures as to cost. These plans are now in the hands of Mr. Thompson, and as soon as they are approved by the Building Committee a copy will be sent to you.

We are very grateful indeed for the new workers sent out this year, and for those who returned. Miss Jackson and I are especially glad to have Miss Oliver with us. I am looking forward with pleasure to spring-time, when she will have had six months of language study and can go to the country with me. I am hoping for a successful year with the country women, as well as with my country schools.

Our Choon Chun school is doing well. Miss Jackson takes hold of it splendidly. We are planning for a great class of about ten days' duration, in which the Christian women from all over the district are to meet in Choon Chun for Bible study. They will be divided into classes according to their ability to study; and Mrs. Hitch, Miss Jackson, one or two of our Bible women, and I will teach some part of the Bible each morning; then they will study the assigned lesson in the afternoons, and we will have evangelistic services in the evenings. We are praying for and expecting a great time in which we may all be lifted up to higher ground.

Miss Oliver is making a fine start on the language, and is quite a pleasant addition to our home and station.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN KOREA.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
SEOUL.		
Carolina Institute	86	Miss Bertha Smith, Miss Lillian Nichols (at home), Miss Mae Owings.
Day Schools (3).....	80	
Woman's Work .....	.....	Mrs. J. P. Campbell.
Water Mark and Water Gate. } Chung Kyo and Mission..... }	....	Miss Mamie Myers.
SONGDO.		
Holston Institute.....	150	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Miss Lillie Reed, Miss Laura Summers.
Joy Hardie Bible School and Woman's Work.....	34	Misses Cordelia Erwin and Hortense Tinsley.
Mary Helm School.....	17	Miss Mary F. Johnstone.
Day Schools.....	95	
WONSAN.		
Lucy Cuninggim School	70	Misses Hallie Buie and Myrtle Barker.
Alice Cobb Bible School.....	72	Misses Kate Cooper and Alice Dean Noyes.
Mildred Ross Day School	130	Miss Bertha Tucker.
Choon Ni Day School.....	70	
Country Day Schools (7).....	....
CHOON CHUN.		
Woman's Work	77	Miss Laura Edwards.
Day Schools (4).....	.....	Miss Carrie Una Jackson and Miss Bessie Oliver.
Total (14)	881	19.

Value of property, \$75,000.

MEXICO.

MEXICO is attracting these days the attention and, in a measure, the sympathy of the entire world. Her ideals as to self-government are beyond her power of realization. Ignorance, and consequent helplessness, burden the masses of her people. They thus become the prey of ambitious and selfish leaders. The remedy lies in enlightenment for the people on the one hand and in higher Christian ideals for their leaders on the other. Both will come in time, but the first is for the present the more promising. Such revolutions as that by which President Madero was displaced are, unfortunately, nothing new in the history of the country. But there is good reason to hope that they will soon be a thing of the past. Enlightened public sentiment has been horrified. The generation of progressive and democratic young men and women, raised by the help of Protestantism, and especially of mission schools, out of the lower stratum of the Mexican people to a position of independence and influence, will have a profound effect upon Mexican future policies. That generation is being constantly and rapidly augmented. It is the hope of the country. Never was our work more popular or more promising, especially the school work. Revolutions come and go, but it goes on. Let Mexico have our prayers as well as our coöperation.

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Laredo, by action taken at the Council meeting in Washington, will be turned over to the Home Department in June, 1913.

LAREDO.

MISS NANNIE E. HOLDING, 1883, Kentucky Conference.

MISS DELIA K. HOLDING, 1892, Kentucky Conference.

MISS EDITH PARK, 1896, Texas Conference.

MISS LAURA V. WRIGHT, 1897, Baltimore Conference.

MISS ELLIE B. TYDINGS (at home), 1889, Florida Conference.

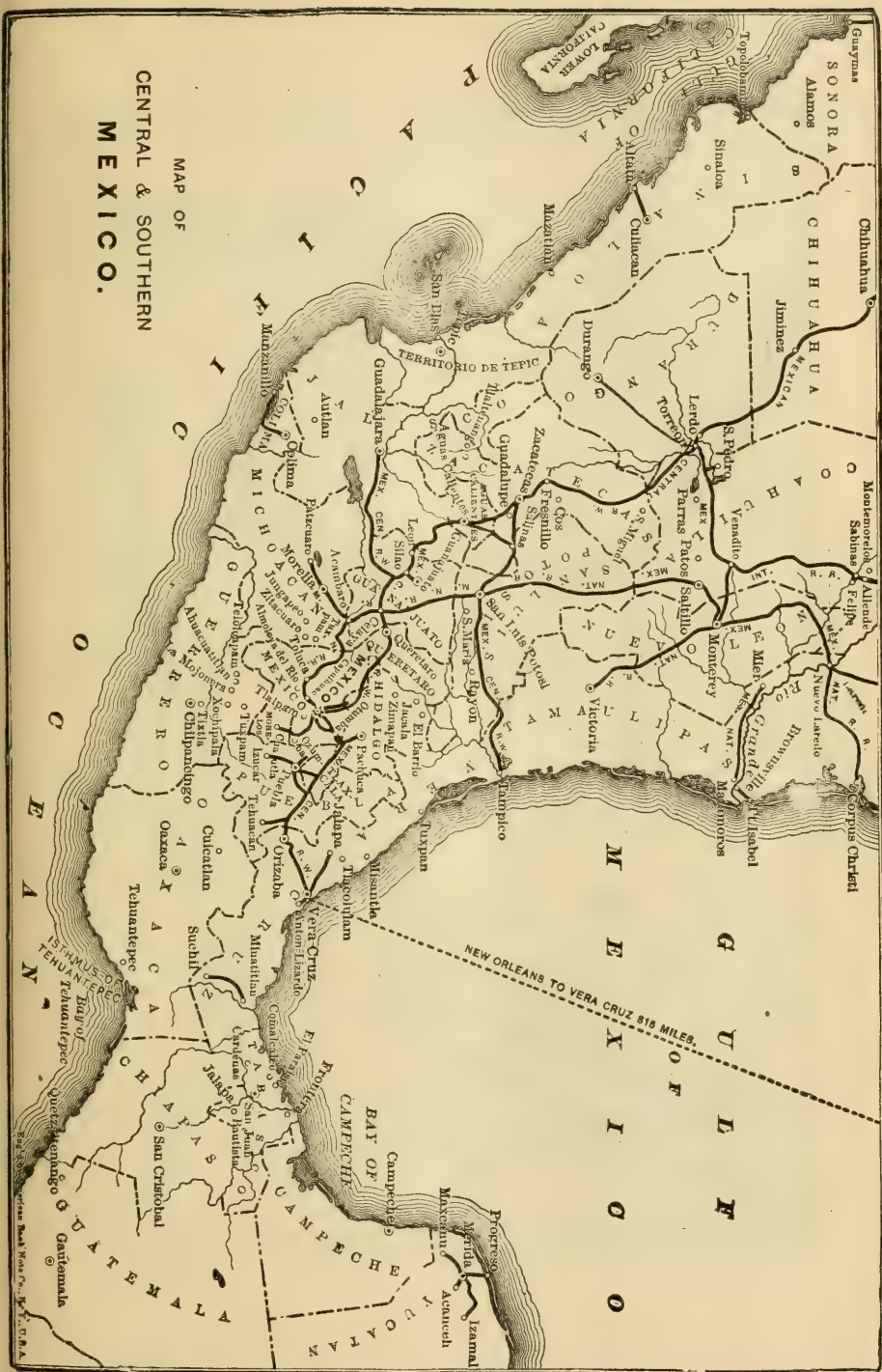
MISS HARDYNIA NORVILLE, 1909, Alabama Conference.

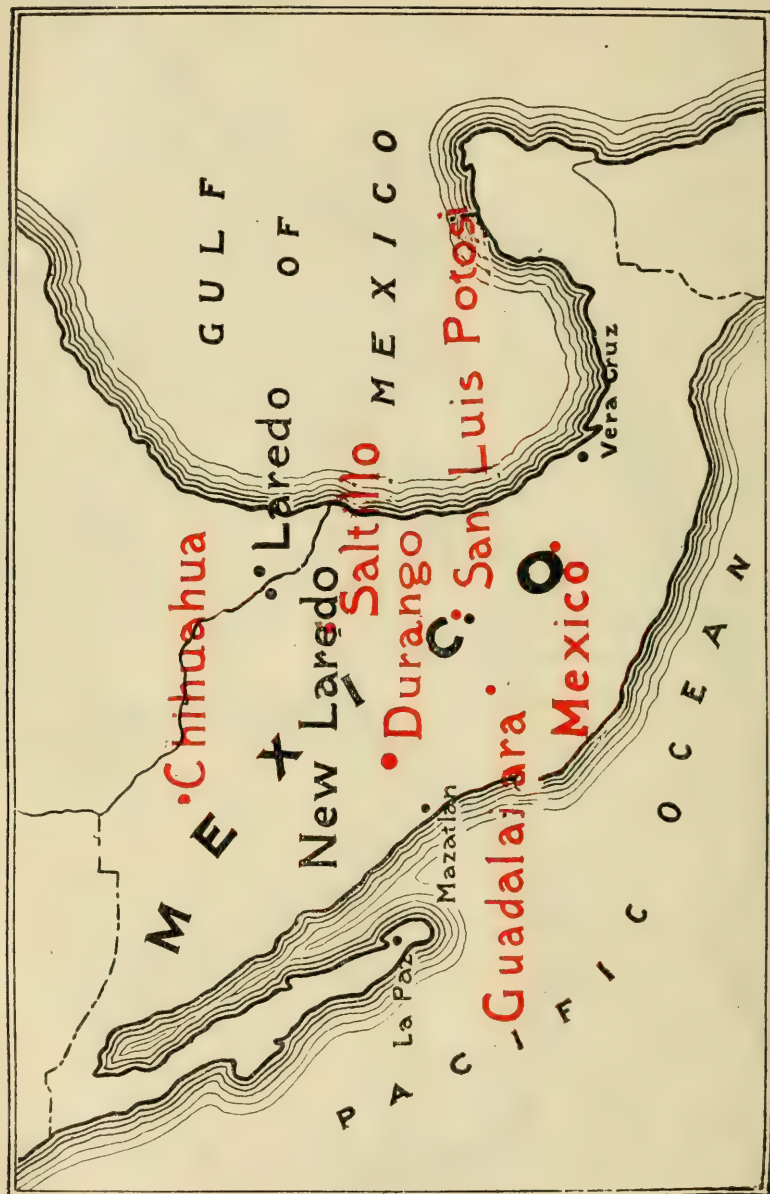
LAREDO SEMINARY.

Report of Miss N. E. Holding, Principal:

The girls' boarding department is in charge of Miss D. K. Holding, Superintendent. One of the graduates of last year has, in spite of

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strong opposition, succeeded in forming in New Laredo a class of nearly thirty members, ostensibly to learn the English language, but with the purpose at heart to introduce Bible truth, following the Master's advice: "Wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

One of our former pupils who had taken certificates in several departments, though not a full graduate, has now received her State Normal certificate, which gives her the privilege of teaching in any part of Texas and in any other State that recognizes our Texas certificate. As she understands both Spanish and English, her services will be in great demand. The above is only one of many similar instances. As our main record was lost in the cyclone, it would be impossible to give a complete record of the pupils of the seminary who have made good and are making good. From memory we count about four hundred teachers, stenographers, telegraph operators, bookkeepers, and clerks. As far as we can follow them, they are doing well their part in the great battle of life.

The boys' department, under Miss Park's care, has been crowded all the year. The question, when the arrival of a new boy is announced, is: "Where can we put him?" But there seems always to be room for one more. We have enrolled during the year 65 boarding and 64 day pupils, making a total of 129. As a rule, they have been well-behaved, studious boys; and we feel that in the future they will bring honor to their school. Their military work is under the direction of a former seminary cadet.

The woman's work has been conducted by Miss Wright, who reports as follows:

"The year has passed with its great opportunities for sowing and cultivating the seed of truth; and as I review its work, I see that many mistakes have been made; but I have asked the Master to make them stepping-stones to higher and better things.

"I have had oversight of West End School, with an enrollment of 128 pupils. In the work of the Bible women, of which I have had charge, we have had six native assistants. They have been faithful in their work, and from their untiring efforts many are attending the services in our native church in town. In September, with the pastor, they began holding prayer meetings in the house of one of their number. These have been well attended.

"Included in this work is the sewing class for women and the Aid and Missionary Societies. In these societies, as in their visiting, the Bible women have been faithful, bringing in members. This year the Missionary Society sent to the treasurer at Nashville forty dollars in Mexican money.

"Our Aid Society has been a great help to the people. We have helped buy medicine for the poor, pay doctors' bills, furnish a few things for

the parsonage of the native pastor, and help in the repairing of the church.

"In January, 1912, I started a Cradle Roll, and during the year have enrolled sixty-four members. I have tried to keep up with these, visiting them when sick and sending them cards on their birthdays. This has helped to interest their parents, some of whom are now attending church services.

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may establish the work of our hands."

Faith Hall Epworth League is directed by Miss H. K. Norville, Superintendent. There are five departments actively engaged in the work—the Devotional, Charity and Help, Literary, Missionary, and Temperance. The whole school attends the monthly literary, missionary, and temperance rallies.

Great interest is taken in the mission study class. Africa and Japan have been visited, and we are now studying Mr. Headland's "The Young China Hunters" and "China's New Day." Object lessons are given, and the houses, dolls, gods, and other curios make the life in heathen lands real to the young people.

No call on the Charity and Help Department has failed to meet with a hearty response.

Faith Hall Sunday School is presided over by Miss N. E. Holding. The school is carefully graded in its five departments—the Cradle Roll, primary, junior, intermediate, and senior. Class organization serves to arouse the interest of the pupils. The new Graded Lesson Series is used in the primary and junior departments, and the little ones prepare with great interest their Bible books to carry to their homes.

The Sunday school has sent a contribution to Dhond, India, for the support of a young girl named Miriam, a famine victim. This has been the special work of the Sunday school for three years. We judge from our last report from her that she has begun her work as a Bible woman.

SALTILLO.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS, 1887, North Texas Conference.

MISS FRANKIE T. HOOPER, 1911, Missouri Conference.

Annual report of the Methodist Normal School for the year 1912, by Miss Lelia Roberts, Principal:

The national character of your Normal School in this city is evident from the large number of States that have representatives in its student body. There are twelve—Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Zacatecas, Durango, Sonora, Jalisco, Mexico, Morelos, Tepic, the Federal District, and Texas. Some of the young ladies have to travel more than six hundred miles, paying their own expenses, in order to get the

benefit of the instruction that is imparted here. The national influence of the institution is further demonstrated by the fact that its graduates are working in nine States. They have under their direct influence more than fifteen hundred pupils.

ENROLLMENT.

We matriculated this year 63 students in the Normal Department, 143 in the Academic Department, and 39 in Oak Cliff Day School, making a total of 245. Surprise is often expressed at the size of our student body, when it is remembered that Saltillo is a city of only thirty thousand inhabitants, where a splendid State Normal exists on which has been spent \$300,000 (Mexican) for buildings, \$150,000 for furnishing and apparatus, and for the maintenance of which an annual appropriation of \$70,000 is made.

Two explanations are given: (1) Our highest ambition is to make this a truly Christian school, the atmosphere of which is, and shall be, propitious for the development of the best type of Christian character. (2) We endeavor to raise its standard year by year by making the course of study more comprehensive and by sending some of our graduates to the United States for postgraduate work, that they may be better prepared to become teachers of teachers. So far six young ladies have been granted this privilege. At the beginning of the next session we shall introduce a preparatory course for students who come to us for normal instruction when they are deficient in certain fundamental studies. It can be taken in one year, during which time we shall be able to determine the fitness or the nonfitness of each girl for pursuing the higher studies. Not every one can become a teacher, and it is folly to try to force a student into a mold she is not destined by nature to occupy. Since the normal course affords an excellent preparation for motherhood, some who do not intend to teach, but are willing to do the work required, will be promoted.

PRODUCTS OF THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

After deducting from the total number of teachers sent out to date (seventy-two) those who have married, those who have died, and those who are not teaching for special reasons, we still have forty-five earnest workers in the field. The married ones have, with but few exceptions, formed Christian homes by marrying Christian men. Our teachers are often referred to as self-supporting home missionaries. As a Church we have been occupying this field for forty years. Our Normal Department was organized twelve years ago. Had we trained preachers as rapidly and as efficiently as we have trained teachers, we would be able at the present time to point with satisfaction to a stronger, better-equipped, and a larger ministerial force than we now have.

Earnestly would we implore our Board of Missions to consider seriously this important subject. The Church that trains the largest number of workers is the Church that will lead the multitudes to Christ.

DENUNCIATION.

There exists a law in Mexico which declares that no ecclesiastical body has the right to own more property than is being used for its legitimate activities. Ten months after we had bought the fine, large lot for our new building an unscrupulous man denounced it—that is, he declared it to be subject to confiscation because we had not erected the building, but were holding it as unused property contrary to law. We were obliged to employ a lawyer to defend our case, and it was not until after seven months of patient waiting that Señor Ernesto Madero declared the act of denunciation to be illegal. In the meantime we have been doing all in our power to sell the old building in order to begin the foundations of the new—an easy task in time of peace, but difficult in time of civil war. Governor V. Carranza has shown interest and sympathy in all that concerns our work. He wants the government to buy Colegio Ingles and use it as a boarding school for the boys of the State Normal. Personally he interviewed all the Congressmen with reference to the subject and obtained their consent to make the purchase when (fatal day for us) the rebels entered our State again, and Señor Carranza had to go in person to direct the forces that routed them. The expenses of war have made it impossible for him to help us as he desires. He still hopes the day is not far distant when the State will buy Colegio Ingles.

SPECIAL LINES OF ACTIVITY.

Dr. Carter, our presiding elder, says that we have the banner Sunday school in the Mexican Border Mission Conference. The average attendance for many months has been nearly two hundred. The teachers are all trained workers, and the sum of collections during the year is \$583.17, of which \$431.17 has been paid on the pastor's salary.

In our Missionary Society we have one hundred and eighteen members. We admit both old and young, men and women. The only obligations to be taken are regular attendance and active participation in all that concerns the welfare of the society, especially the payment of monthly dues.

STATISTICS.

Students in Normal Department	63
Students in Academic Department	143
Students in Oak Cliff Day School	39
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Total number enrolled	245

Missionaries	2
Teachers	12
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Total	14
Members of Sunday school	234
Members of Senior League	78
Members of Junior League	51
Members of the Church	280
Members of Missionary Society	118
Value of old property (gold).....	\$20,000 00
Value of new property (gold).....	18,000 00

Miss Frankie Y. Hooper:

My work this year has been very much the same as it was last year—my mornings spent in language study and my afternoons in the teaching of English. My English pupils are just as bright and interesting as can be.

We have a house full of sweet Christian girls. They are interested not only in their school work, but in the work of the Church as well. While they are struggling to fit themselves to be capable teachers, they are also struggling to become strong Christian women. It is such an inspiration to see their bright, interested faces as they listen to the Bible message brought to them each morning in the chapel service. Some of the day pupils who attend these services are Roman Catholics, and we are especially anxious that they may be impressed with the beauty and power of the gospel of Christ.

One of the young ladies who took the Bible course at Scarritt is now teaching our Bible classes, and the girls are very much interested in the work she is giving them. She is a sweet Christian character, and her daily life is a living example to them. She graduated here three years ago, and then spent two years at Scarritt. Two of the other teachers in our Normal Department had special training in the United States after having graduated here. They are both capable teachers and, more than all else, devout Christians. I speak of these three because they all speak English well, and I am well acquainted with them and know their ability. Doubtless there are many others who have gone out from here just as capable and Christlike.

But how much more could be accomplished here if we only had an adequate building! The classrooms are dark and damp; the dining room and dormitories are crowded. In some of the small rooms there are as many as five girls, and in one large room there are twelve. We are very anxious that the members of the Board may realize our needs and meet them.

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

This Conference includes San Luis Potosi, City of Mexico, and Guadalajara.

SAN LUIS POTOSI.

MISS FRANCES B. MOLING, 1898, Missouri Conference.

MISS ELLEN ALFTER, 1910, Southwest Missouri Conference.

MISS CHARLEY MAY CUNNINGHAM, 1912, Los Angeles Conference.

MISS LAURA LEE, Missionary Teacher (at home), 1897, Tennessee Conference.

COLEGIO INGLES.**Report of Miss Moling, Principal:**

After the opening of school, January 1, 1912, I noted with interest the steady growth in the different departments for several months; but my enthusiasm was somewhat checked when the revolution and the railroad troubles made it necessary for many of our children to leave the republic. However, great numbers have returned and are again in school.

Our opening in September was made a little more difficult than on former occasions because of the fact that all of our teachers had not arrived, and those who had were new to the work, and some of them inexperienced. How we missed our faithful friend and worker, Miss Lee! We are rejoiced that the Woman's Council saw fit to reward in some measure her fourteen years of unremitting labor; but we have sorely missed her. We are looking forward with hope to her return, knowing that if her life is spared and she enjoys a reasonable amount of health she will be with us the coming year. She is not only missed in the home and school life, but in the Church, Sunday school, and Epworth League. The American people love her dearly, and she certainly has been the guardian angel of their children these many years.

As there were only two regular teachers in the English department when school opened in September, it was impossible to get in all the grade work; so Miss Alfter, who taught all morning in the kindergarten, undertook the teaching of several classes in the afternoon. This proved too much for her slender strength, and she was forced to give it up sometime about the last of November. She herself will tell you about her beautiful work in the kindergarten, which has attracted the attention of teachers in the public schools of San Luis Potosi.

The situation was somewhat relieved in October by the coming of Miss Cunningham; but she could teach only a half day, as the other half was to be given to the study of the language. Not until the end of the year was the faculty complete. Miss Bell finally came to our relief and made it possible to thoroughly organize the work and add to our

course of study two sewing classes in this department—something which was new to our work. Miss Murphy, one of the teachers in the regular grades, directs these classes. The work is thoroughly practical, the drafting, cutting, and making of garments receiving special attention.

I am exceedingly pleased with the work being done in the English department. The teachers are earnest Christians, and I feel that, in one sense at least, the revolution has proved a blessing, in that while it made it almost impossible to secure teachers, the truest and the bravest were not afraid, and they came to our aid. Only such dared to come while the country was in such a turmoil. Such as these make up the faculty in the English department.

The Spanish department has been just able to hold its own during the past year. There has been that secret influence at work among us known as the anti-American spirit, which seems never to rest, and it has cast a shadow over this particular branch of our work, while it has not seemed to affect the English department in the least. Some of the children in whom our dearest hopes were centered have gone from us and entered other schools. The State Normal stands ready with wide-open doors to receive any of those offended ones who leave us. We feel, however, that when our children can be thus easily influenced, after the years of care and training that we have given them, we are fortunate, after all, to find out their true character before they enter the course that would require not only four years of precious time, but a vast amount more of the Lord's money. This shifting process has not been a very pleasant one; but it has served to show us that there is, in the midst of the chaff, some golden grain, and we hope to find it after a while. But while we have met with disappointments, we have met also along the way many things which served to encourage. A good old sister not long since said to me: "My heart breaks because of the ingratitude of my people. I know how it is that this salvation, which is my meat and my drink, came to me. I know who came to tell me first about a Saviour's love; and had not the American come to my land and my country, I should never have known this blessed peace which no one now can take from me. No matter what my countrymen do or say, henceforth, 'thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.'"

I am glad to tell you that, out of the seven Mexican teachers and helpers we have in our school, five of them secured the education of their early years in our school, entering when they were very small children. The music teacher has never been in any other school, although she has had a great deal of instruction at home, her mother being a most excellent teacher and willing to give her every possible advantage.

Our stenography teacher was enrolled when he was only four or five years old, and left us only to enter a school in New York, and later a business college in San Antonio, where he finished the course he is now teaching. He is the finest instructor we have ever had in this depart-

ment of our work. He speaks both languages equally well, and can teach his classes in either, as required.

The three young ladies who are doing the grade work in this department are the first I had the pleasure of sending out from our school to the Saltillo Normal. Two of them have finished their course and will receive their diplomas as soon as they finish their year of practice. All of them are doing faithful work, and I am reasonably pleased with their first efforts. All of the children under the management of these teachers are members of the Epworth League, and the most of them attend Sunday school.

On the whole, our school is prosperous, and I trust that it may so continue. The programs given by the Junior Epworth League in this department, and those given by the Literary Society in the English department, give new life and zest to what might be otherwise a somewhat dull week, and at the same time create and develop a spirit of good will and tender love for the institution.

CITY OF MEXICO.

MISS ESTHER CASE, 1894, White River Conference.

MISS LINNIE BARCROFT, 1907, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS TERRIE E. BUTTRICK, 1909, Western North Carolina Conference.

MISS ANNIE CHURCHILL, 1897, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS BESSIE LEE WILSON, 1912, Tennessee Conference.

MISS LILLIE F. FOX, 1912, North Texas Conference.

MARY KEENER INSTITUTE.

Report of Miss Esther Case, Principal:

Mexico has been the scene of revolution and unrest for more than two years. During the past year conditions have grown steadily worse, and there is nothing at present to lead us to hope for peace at any time in the near future or to indicate that the financial situation will improve. We have felt the effects of the revolution in many ways—in the increased cost of living, the difficulty we experience in collecting tuition in some instances, the absence of some of our pupils from school because of financial troubles in their families, and the stories of suffering and loss told by patrons and Church members, many of whom have come to Mexico City for safety because their homes in the country are menaced by bandits of the worst type.

Early in the year President Taft's proclamation to Americans in Mexico was published, and hundreds of Americans left the republic, among them families whose children were pupils in our school. For a while it seemed that our teachers would go too, but only one went at that time. Two others were compelled to return to the United States a little later because of illness; and our matron, sister of one of the sick

teachers, went also. This made it necessary to fill four vacancies, for the work had to be carried on two months after they left; and as so many Americans were leaving, it was difficult to find substitutes.

Mrs. Cobb's visit in February was a great pleasure and blessing. While she was here we looked at property suitable to buy for the school, and also at houses for rent. Physicians told us repeatedly that the unsanitary condition of the house we were occupying was causing the ill health of teachers and pupils. No house could be found large enough to accommodate the school; but there was a very desirable vacant lot that could be purchased, and we hoped it might be bought and a school built upon it; but, greatly to our disappointment, the Council could not buy it. The lease for the house we were occupying had expired, and the landlord was urging its renewal. We felt it would be unwise to keep the school in that building, but could find nothing better.

Just as we were greatly perplexed to know what to do a beautiful place that could be made to accommodate us was offered; but the owner preferred to sell, and at first refused to rent. Terms were written and telegraphed to the Council, but could not be met. At last the owner of the place agreed to lease it to us for three years, with the understanding that he would sell it at the first opportunity. He asked the enormous sum of \$5,100 (United States currency) rent per year. The Council gave us permission to rent it and made the necessary appropriation for the rent, and a little more that helped with the expense of moving.

We closed school May 17, and teachers and girls left for their homes—except seven girls, who could not get to their homes because of the revolution; Miss Buttrick, who stayed four weeks to help move; and myself. On May 20 we began the work of cleaning the new house and making the necessary changes, additions, and repairs to make it serve our purpose. The servants' quarters, garage, carriage house, stables, and bowling alley had to be converted into schoolrooms, and a great deal of plumbing had to be done. We kept an army of workmen busy for more than two months, and barely had the place ready for the opening of school on August 5. This was very expensive work, and for a while it made a financial burden that was difficult to bear; but I believe we were providentially led to rent the place, and God has not permitted us to be crushed by the burden. The moving was tedious work, for it is no small matter to move the furniture of a school and arrange it in more than fifty rooms. The schoolrooms were not ready, and the desks and other school furniture had to be put wherever a place could be found and moved to their proper places as the rooms could be arranged.

In July Miss Churchill came and superintended the work while I went home for three weeks to see my mother, who had been sick since February.

How glad we were to open school in the new house, with plenty of sunlight in every room and large playgrounds filled with fine trees,

where our pupils can play on the ground instead of on the pavement of a small, inclosed court! The only drawback we have experienced is that the schoolrooms are not large enough, and some of them are too much crowded for comfort.

Miss Barcroft did excellent work teaching the Bible in both the English and Spanish departments, teaching a primary class in the Mexican Sunday school, and helping in many ways besides. She is at home now on her furlough, but will be rested and ready for work again when school opens next August.

Miss Buttrick taught the third and fourth grades in the English department, the Philathea Class in Sunday school, and was our organist for the morning services. She also cared for the sick, and was ready always to help in any way and at any time. I hope she may be ready to come back to us next summer with renewed strength after her rest at home.

Misses Fox and Wilson, our new missionaries, are doing fine work in the higher grades of the English department in the morning. They devote the afternoons to the study of Spanish. They have made such fine progress in their study of the language that they expect to take the first year's examination at Conference, though they have studied less than six months. They also take part in the Church work, and have adapted themselves so well to conditions here that I feel as if they have been here a long time.

It was our privilege to have Miss Booth with us for more than a month, and we learned to love her very much, and reluctantly let her go to Guadalajara.

Miss Churchill, having been here formerly for many years, has simply returned to her own after five years at Laredo Seminary, and has her old place in our hearts and the work. She is working faithfully as matron and teacher of the Bible in the Spanish department.

The teachers in the English grades are earnest and helpful in their work.

The grade work in the Spanish department is done by graduates of our Saltillo Normal School. We have three girls in Saltillo now taking the normal course, and two at Hospital Monterey, of our Church, taking nurse-training. Two of our pupils who have finished the work of the Spanish department want kindergarten training; and three who will finish next May have asked for more Bible work, that they may become evangelistic workers. I hope we can arrange to give them the training they ask for, since trained women who can do evangelistic work among their own people are much needed in Mexico.

Rev. R. C. Elliott, our presiding elder, and Rev. Julian Castro, our pastor, have been ready at all times to help us in any way possible, and have each led our morning service once a week during the year. They and Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Castro gave us valuable assistance while we

were moving. We have had two gracious revivals in our Church, and a number of our girls, members of our Chinese Sunday school and of my women's class, have been converted and have united with the Church. Teachers and girls attend the regular Sunday and midweek services, though we are now much farther from the church than formerly.

The Chinese Sunday school has been better attended than ever before. Some of the members recommended the purchase of a lot in a tract of land that was being turned into a suburban town near the city. The yearly payments are small, so they bought the lot and have had it cleared and cultivated. They hope at some time in the future to build a school on it or to sell the lot and use the money toward buying a house in the city that can be used for their Sunday school and a night school. They collected money to buy hymn books for the school, and that, added to the donations of three other friends, made it possible for us to buy both English and Spanish hymnals. They entertained their Sunday school teachers at Christmas with their usual generosity.

Our scholarship girls are doing good work, and are bright and studious. Many of the scholarships we have had for a number of years have recently been dropped. We do not like to send the girls away, however, and are doing our best to keep them in school.

The greater part of my time has been spent in superintending the school work, attending to the finances and business, helping to superintend the work of the boarding girls in the domestic department, and doing some Church work and visiting. Unexpected things constantly claim time and attention.

The women of my Sunday school class are faithful and liberal. Many of them read poorly; but they study the lesson, and are always ready to take active part, often making original practical application of the lesson, and send money for the collection if they cannot attend. With three exceptions, this class has had the largest collection to offer for the pastor's salary the first Sunday of each month.

Our greatest need is a house for the school. The place we occupy is beautiful, and the part used for the home is little short of ideal; but the schoolrooms are not satisfactory. They are small and overcrowded, and some of them are damp because the floors are on the ground, and in consequence are cold in winter. I would be glad if the Council could buy this place for the school; but in that event we would have to build new classrooms. There is plenty of space for such a building.

We need a room for a domestic science department. Such a department could be made a great success here. We would like to enlarge our Bible course in Spanish in order to prepare our girls for evangelistic work, and should have a kindergarten for the school and to train kindergarten teachers.

God's goodness and mercy have followed us all through the year, and at its close I realize this more than ever before.

STATISTICS.

Missionaries	6
American teachers	7
Mexican teachers	9
Number of pupils	278
Pupils members of the Church	43
Pupils in Sunday school	101
Pupils members of Epworth League	35
Members of Chinese Sunday school	140
Boarders	36
Half-boarders	21
Scholarships	20

Miss Bessie Lee Wilson:

If every one who reads this report could only visit us for a little while and see our work in all its phases, there would be no need of this written report; but since that cannot be, I am glad to write you of my work here in Mary Keener Institute.

I have been here five months, and never have I spent five happier or busier months. I shall always be thankful to God for the privilege of spending my first year of missionary work in Mexico City and in Mary Keener Institute.

From nine o'clock to twelve I teach in the higher grades of the English department, with two Bible classes from the third and fourth grades. I have three classes in Bible, two in mathematics, and one in Latin, all of which I enjoy immensely. The children are just as bright and interesting as they can be; and it is such a pleasure to teach them, especially the Bible, in which most of them take great interest. They like the stories and delight in memorizing verses, Psalms, or other passages which I give them from time to time.

My afternoons are spent in the study of Spanish, which is delightful. We have a splendid teacher, have three lessons each week, and feel that we are doing fairly well with it. It has been a pleasure to visit in the homes of some of the pupils. Always I go with one of the other teachers who speaks Spanish; and although I am forced to be a rather silent guest, I enjoy it. As I acquire the language each visit becomes a little more interesting.

In the Sunday school I have a Philathea Class of bright Mexican girls who speak English, and I enjoy it very much. I also teach in the Chinese Sunday school on Sunday afternoon, and have just been made Third Vice President of our Epworth League.

My life as a missionary is far happier than I had ever dreamed it could be. No sacrifice which I have made can compare with the joys I have experienced, and I thank God many times that he has considered me worthy of doing this work for him here in Mexico.

Miss Lillie F. Fox:

This "green, raw recruit," as one of our Presbyterian friends called the new missionaries, has been on the field only a short time; so consequently I make a short report. It is a pleasure to tell you of my work. It is a blessing to be associated with Miss Case and her faculty—true, devoted Christian women. Our home life and our school associations are most pleasant and harmonious. We have one mind and one heart—to do our Father's will.

My mornings are devoted entirely to teaching in the English department and in the higher grades. I have work in history, mathematics, literature, and science. I have our only senior in her English work, and it is such a pleasure to prepare her for graduation. I am anticipating a most splendid essay. Not having any Bible work, I am giving her and our junior some work in Church history. They are such bright, capable girls that I feel the work will be of great value to them. I desire their closing years with us to be not only of great intellectual benefit to them, but of great spiritual value.

My classes are quite cosmopolitan. One class consists of one American, one German, one Mexican, one German-Mexican, and one whose mother is German and father a Portuguese, but who calls herself American.

The afternoons are given to the study of Spanish. I have a splendid teacher, and feel that I am accomplishing something with the language. With one-third Spanish, one-third English, and one-third signs, I can make myself understood very well. I shall be glad to have command of the language.

On Sundays I attend our English service in the mornings and teach the primary class in the Sunday school; and it is such a lovely little class. Our congregation is quite small, as so many left on account of the revolution; yet we have delightful and helpful services. I attend the Spanish service in the evening, and am understanding the sermons very well. One communion service was beautiful to me. Around the Lord's table there were gathered Mexicans, Americans, English, Italians, and Chinese. I enjoy the fellowship of our Mexican people, and they have received me kindly.

Our Chinese Sunday school claims my time on Sunday afternoon. I have my special pupil, and he is learning English quite nicely. To me this is one of the best departments of our work here.

Not having command of the language, I cannot go into the homes as I should like, except those of our American children or the English-speaking Mexicans in our school.

Our Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons were full of the spirit of the times. The Church festivals were of special interest to the newcomers, and we were happy to be invited into homes celebrating these feasts, as well as to see them in the churches. But O, the superstition of it! O for the open Bible for Mexico!

My work is most pleasant. I love it, and want to be able as the years go by to be capable of more efficient service for my Lord and Master here in Mexico.

Miss Annie Churchill:

After "mothering" the Seminary girls at Laredo for four years, it seemed perfectly natural to take up the same work at the beginning of this past year.

We were disappointed in not having Miss Holding with us from the very beginning of the year, but Miss Park made a good substitute. My school work was pleasant and profitable.

Miss Holding came in time for commencement Sunday and for the awarding of certificates and diplomas. How glad we were to have her and Miss Delia with us once more!

When our "vacation family" had settled down to daily duties and I had begun to think of a few weeks at home, the news came that I was to go to Mexico City. I hurried home to rest until I knew when I should be needed. Just a few days were spent with the loved ones, and then I was off to Mexico.

When the city was reached, it took a very short time to find Mary Keener's new home, which is a beautiful and attractive place. The workmen were still busy; and while Miss Case went home for a little rest, I superintended the repairing that was being done.

Since the opening of school on August 5 I have been the matron, and have also taught five Bible classes in Spanish. Most of the children are eager to learn, and I am trusting that some, at least, will learn to know Jesus as their Saviour. Two or three of our older girls want to be missionaries to their own people. They need much training, though, before they can go out to teach as missionaries.

I have charge of the Cradle Roll and the Home Department in the Sunday school. I love this work, but do not have much time for visiting the homes of my pupils. In the Chinese Sunday school I have two pupils. One of them is a Christian and belongs to our Church; the other is learning fast, and I hope soon to be able to make him understand something of God's love for him.

GAUDALAJARA.

MISS MARY E. MASSEY, 1908, North Mississippi Conference.

MISS MINNIE B. VARNER, 1909, Alabama Conference.

MISS VIRGINIA BOOTH, 1912, West Texas Conference.

INSTITUTO COLON.

Report of Miss Mary E. Massey, Principal:

The beginning of the year 1912 found Miss Varner and myself ill and Miss Streater, our kind friend, in charge of the school and ministering

to our wants at the same time. I was still sick when one of our little girls was taken desperately ill. All was done for her that was possible, but God took her to be with him on January 16. It was beautiful to see the submission of the parents. Truly they taught a lesson often needed by some of God's children who have had more light than they. The entire school was deeply impressed by our Rebecca's going away, and a sweeter spirit seemed to prevail throughout the household.

In February the revolution began to grow worse, and for several months the situation was so grave that it was hard to tell what would be the outcome; but we are thankful that we did not have to leave our field of labor.

On May 8 a series of earthquakes began, which lasted until September. Some of them were very severe and injured our house so severely that Miss Varner had to spend the entire vacation having it repaired.

The enrollment at our opening last September was the smallest the school has known for years. Several reasons may be given for this: the unsettled conditions, the continuance of the earthquakes (the night before we opened we had the hardest shock of the series), and especially the change in the policy of the school, which had been ordered by the Council. The enrollment on the first day was forty-five; but it has now increased to eighty-seven.

Permission was given for the opening of an English department, which began on October 1, when Miss Booth arrived. Ten pupils have been enrolled. With the exception of two little boys, all of these are young people in the business world who need English. It is an opportunity that we are glad to have and which we believe will result in much good as the department is developed.

Last May and also in October we had revival services, which were a great blessing to our school. In the last meeting the girls were deeply touched, and many reconciliations were effected in a beautiful way. Of the thirty-four girls in our home, twenty-four are members of the Church and are faithful Christians. Of the ten who remain, seven are under twelve years of age, and the other three are new girls who came to us this year from Catholic homes. Four of our girls were converted and joined the Church this past year.

Miss Varner and I have the Bible classes this year, and they afford one of my chief joys. What a privilege it is to teach the blessed Book and to see children from homes where there is no Bible study it so eagerly! My prayer is that the truth may so remain in their hearts that it will be carried home to their families and prove a blessing to them.

It has been a great pleasure to us to have Miss Booth with us this year. Her life is speaking for the Master, and before very long she will be telling these people in their own tongue of Jesus's love for them. She is indeed an inspiration to all who know her.

My heart is filled with joy and gratitude to the Father for the privilege of serving him in this needy country, and my earnest prayer is that he will use me as long as he shall give me strength to help these people whom I love so dearly.

STATISTICS.

Instituto Colon.

Missionaries	3
Native teachers	7
Pupils enrolled	87
Boarding pupils	34
Attendance at Sunday school	52
Members of the Church	36
Members of Senior League	39
Members of Junior League	48
Scholarships	28

Trueheart Day School.

Teacher	1
Pupils enrolled	36
Members of Junior League	15

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Chihuahua and Durango are in this Conference.

CHIHUAHUA.

COLEGIO PALMORE.

MISS LIZZIE WILSON, 1889, Kentucky Conference.

MISS LUCY C. HARPER, 1890, Central Texas Conference.

MISS ARA RIGGINS (at home), 1903, Los Angeles Conference.

MISS MARIA WIGHTMAN (at home), 1910, South Carolina Conference.

Report of Miss Lizzie Wilson, Principal:

The hand of God has been upon us for good during 1912. While our State has been full of strife and suffering, we have been kept in peace.

After the beginning of the counter-revolution in February many of our patrons left, prices grew higher, and money was harder to get; but God helped us to hold on, and we carried our school through to the close of the term. But matters gradually grew worse. By June it seemed foolhardy to stay here longer. Our best Mexican friends advised us to leave. As we were in vacation, we decided to go to El Paso until the storm should burst or pass over. Very soon after we reached the border the railroads were destroyed, and there was no train to Chihuahua for two months.

Our stay in Texas was not without its good times. I enjoyed the privilege of getting acquainted with the workers in El Paso. I was invited to speak at their union meeting, where I was delighted to meet a friend of other days, Miss M. L. Gibson, Principal of the Training School, who was on the program the same evening. We had not met for twenty-three years—not since the afternoon when Miss Gibson came over from Covington to Newport, sent by the Woman's Board to decide as to my fitness for work in the foreign field. I had had a very plain call to go, and had faith that He who called me could fit me to do His work. While I did not consider myself worthy, I felt that my part was to be willing to do His bidding and go where He sent.

After my interview that afternoon with Miss Gibson, I heard no more from my application for three weeks, when I received a letter from Mrs. McGavock, with money for my traveling expenses, saying that I had been accepted and appointed to Mexico, that I would be excused from attending the Board meeting, and that I should go directly to Laredo to help Miss Holding.

After the meeting in El Paso, Miss Gibson lovingly said: "I made no mistake when I said that you were good material for the foreign field." Her kind words were appreciated. They were, I trust, a part of the first fruits of the Master's "well done."

I spent a few pleasant days with Brother and Sister Kilgore, whose home is a little way out of El Paso. From there I went for a visit with my niece in Miss Harper's home, in Georgetown, then back to San Antonio and down to Laredo to see my dear Miss Holding and the many friends there that I love.

I came back to Chihuahua on one of the first through trains by way of Eagle Pass and Torreon. I cannot write how glad I was to get back home and find Don Florencio and his wife in the college and everything in our home in peace and safety, as we had left it.

Loyal in his love and faithful in his protection of our city, General Orozco rushed the rebel army, retiring toward the north, through Chihuahua in fast trains. In this way the city was saved from the looting that all had feared.

I was busy the remaining weeks of August preparing for the opening of school, which occurred the first of September, one month later than usual. The Romanists had reported that we would not be back.

We received a most loving welcome from both parents and children. We have everything to encourage us in the love and confidence of the people and their hearty indorsement of our work. The young people we have sent out are our best recommendation. Almost every new patron who comes says: "We are acquainted with your work; we have met some of your graduates." And these same graduates often gladden our hearts by a letter or a visit. A few days ago a handsome young fellow rushed into the office with the explanation: "I just got into

Chihuahua last night, and I said to my wife, "The first thing in the morning I must see Palmore."

On account of the troubled condition of the country, two of our teachers for the English department thought they had better not risk coming to Mexico this year; but two of our own young girls filled their places, and, with Miss Harper's help, have done good work. All our teachers except three are home-grown.

The atmosphere in our home and school has been religious. Our children love the Church services; they love their Bibles and read them faithfully. Mr. Esquivel spoke to the Sunday school a few weeks since about Bible-reading, and this gave a new impulse to our whole membership. The following Sunday five thousand six hundred and fifty chapters were reported read during the week. Our children had all read the book of Genesis, and some of them had read much more.

The morning chapel service in Holding Hall has been conducted alternately by our pastor, Mr. Esquivel, and myself. The children are responsive, though at the beginning of the school year in September there were certain new pupils from rich families whose parents tried to have their children excused from religious services. We found out long ago that if we stood firm they would come to our terms, so we refused to make any difference in their favor. They gave in, as we expected, and the children soon fell into line. We have had a most peaceful year in all respects. We have a good Mexican pastor, and the Church is in good condition. The Sunday school, under Mr. Esquivel, is flourishing. I doubt if you could find a more responsive Sunday school anywhere. My woman's class is my delight.

We have just heard, to our sorrow, that the Annual Conference has again been changed to El Paso on account of the uncertainty of our roads. We feel it to be a great deprivation not to meet the bishop and the brethren, and not to have the uplift that their presence brings to the Church and to the school.

We look back over the year and praise God for all the way that he has brought us. We enter 1913 with hope and courage, looking in faith to the Hand that hitherto hath led us.

Miss Lucy C. Harper:

Chihuahua has suffered three changes of government during the year 1912, yet no harm has come to our beloved city and none to us.

Toward the close of the spring term a dark war cloud hung over the State, and especially over this the capital city; but by means of the breadth of vision, foresight, valor, and nerve of one or more of our number and of the blessing of God we held together until the end of our term, releasing only those teachers whose parents were insistent on their return and for whose safety we felt the most responsibility.

At the close of the first month of vacation another small detachment

of "Palmorenses" crossed the border, and two weeks later they were followed by all the immediate family and hundreds of their friends.

I spent the month of June in happy visits with my family, and returned to El Paso as soon as the parching heat and drought of July struck my native town.

In El Paso we had a pleasant location—high above the heat and where the breezes blew straight from the hills of Mexico. But the waiting was weary and time hung heavily, until two of us gathered up some of the children of our Mexican compatriots (of whom there were hundreds in El Paso) and began teaching them. In this way and in many others that opened we spent some happy and useful weeks.

We returned to Chihuahua by the first mountain train, Miss Wilson having come over two or three weeks earlier by the longer route. We were, however, five days in covering a thirty-six hours' journey.

The way was full of dangers by swollen rivers, burned or washed-out bridges, and of derailment on the steep mountain sides by landslides or the intentional rolling down of boulders or misplacement of rails and ties. We had a military escort during the most dangerous part of the way, which gave some of us the more care lest their presence should provoke an attack.

Our train was crowded until there was not seating room. We had on board many mothers and little ones who were returning to Madera, the great lumber camp. In our own immediate party there were two young girls, a dear and venerable white-haired lady, and four precious Palmore children with their gentle mother. We felt a heavy weight of responsibility which did not lift, though we were passing over a most beautiful road of pine-covered mountains, hurrying streams, and broad, fruitful, flowering plains; but a merciful Providence watched over us, and we reached our home in Chihuahua in perfect safety.

Miss Wilson had everything in order for the beginning of the new term, and within ten days we were in the classrooms, though a month later than our usual date of opening. Three brave young Texans and one Normalista, from Miss Roberts, arrived in time. The remainder of our present force of fifteen we had within reach in the city. Our pupils and students had waited for us anxiously, refusing to be disposed of until the Palmore should open.

In addition to our regular constituency, a series of circumstances gave us many more and a still increasing number of patrons. As in other years of the revolution, there have refuged to this city, from little towns, camps, and isolated places, many excellent families in good circumstances. These have brought us their children. Others who could not change their homes have sent in their daughters for safety. Various families that patronized our El Paso classes made it convenient on their return to Mexico to find the Palmore. Fathers who formerly sent their children to the State, thinking of the cutting off of communica-

tion by rail, mail, and wire, which we have suffered nearly half of the time this year, have preferred to keep their boys and girls at home, and have intrusted them to us. The Congregationalist and Baptist Missions opened late in the season. The Instituto Cientifico, a Romanist school, which made quite a flourish during the year, was obliged to close down because one of the priests directing it left with the funds. Ten or fifteen of their young men and boys have, without our seeking, enrolled with us. Owing probably to the same defalcation, the bishop was unable to lend financial aid, as formerly, to the Guadalupeana, the school for girls, which has been well attended for many years, and the nuns have suffered a serious decline in patronage. The Filomatica, a school long sustained by a group of wealthy Chihuahuans for the benefit of their children and friends, does not longer exist. Our friend, their excellent director, was recently made Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State. All these things, in connection with the respect and love our work has earned for us, have combined, under the ordering of our God, to give the Palmore the best clientele by far that it has ever had, though its enrollment has not reached that of the years of peace and prosperity the nation formerly enjoyed. Nearly all of us have carried double and heavy but happy work, and we live in harmony and mutual helpfulness.

Miss Wilson sees to it that her family is comfortably warmed and fed. She has a beautiful flock of fine chickens that supply us with unquestionable eggs in abundance and roast chicken for Sundays. Her foresight provided a fine winter supply of wood in time. Soon after she purchased the price rose, and has since stood at \$23 (Mexican) a cord. She bought her sweet and Irish potatoes, beans, chile, and other supplies from the ranches at their harvesting, thus saving half the price. A Methodist ranchman, who has a hard struggle to support his large and growing family, brought her a wagonload of pumpkins. When she asked the price, he said: "Nothing; it is in gratitude for my little girl's home and schooling." Another Methodist ranchman sent her by rail a couple of pigs which are now fine porkers, fattening to supply the college larder.

Miss Wilson has made several recent and important improvements. Three cold and worn old floors of soft brick have been replaced by others of planks, two new typewriters click cheerfully and advertise our work by the neat pages they turn out, and a cement sidewalk on the back and end of our property (the front was laid last year) saves the college walls and adds to our comfort.

We have not had a visit from our connectional officers for three years. We miss them; but we want you to be assured that we are prospering in Church and school and that the outlook is full of promise for our work. We send our love and ask your tenderest sympathy and your loving prayers for Mexico, with your abiding confidence in her people.

DURANGO.

MRS. NELLIE O'BEIRNE, 1908, Louisiana Conference.

MISS MAY TREADWELL (at home), 1901, North Georgia Conference.

MISS JOHNNIE PIERSON, 1910, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS CLARA BEVERLY CAIN, 1911, Louisville Conference.

MISS SUE T. FORD, 1900, Kentucky Conference.

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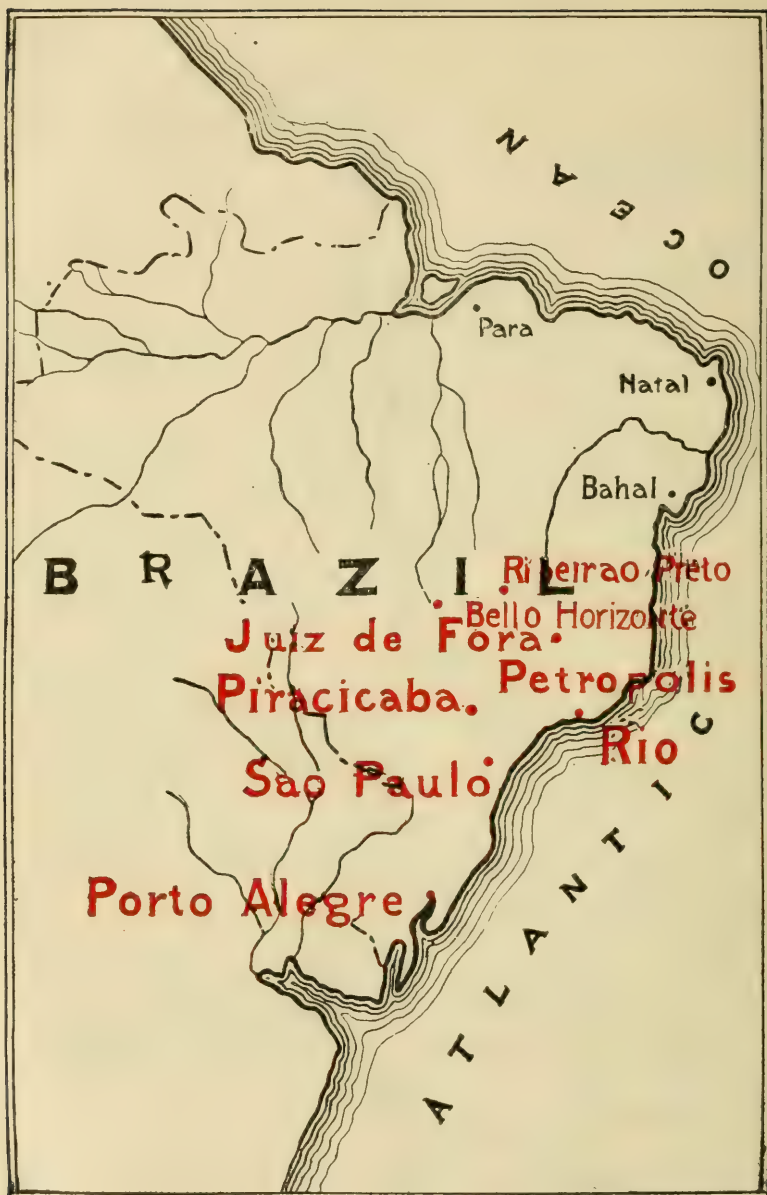
The school was suspended last spring because of the political disturbances in and around Durango. The missionaries left the city by the advice of the American Consul. However, the fall of 1912 found them at work, with more than two hundred pupils in attendance. The atmosphere of the home and school is most beautiful. The school succeeded so well that it attracted the attention of the archbishop, who did all in his power to keep the children away. However, but few stopped on account of his threats.

All went on well for a while, but toward the close of the year the conditions became more serious. Farms all around the city were destroyed and the provisions burned. This drove many people into the city, and there was danger of a food famine. In that section of the country there has been a destruction of all farm products for three successive years, and many feared an uprising when the food supply became exhausted. For a while all communication with the outside world was cut off, and then affairs grew so much worse that at last a visit from the Vice Consul decided the missionaries to leave Durango. The property was placed in the hands of reliable parties, the school was closed, and the missionaries with reluctance turned their faces homeward.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
LAREDO.		
Laredo Seminary.....	295	Miss N. E. Holding, Miss Delia Holding, Miss Edith Park, Miss Ellie Tydings, Miss Hardynia Norville.
West End School.....	128	Miss Laura Wright.
Woman's Work		
SALTILLO.		
Colegio Ingles.....	206	Miss ¹ Lelia Roberts, Miss Frankie Hooper.
Oak Cliff Day School.....	39	Native teacher.
SAN LUIS POTOSI.		
Colegio Ingles.....	177	Miss Frances Moling, Miss Ellen Alfter, Miss Charley May Cunningham.
MEXICO CITY.		
Mary Keener Institute.....	278	Miss Esther Case, Miss Linnie Barcroft, Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Miss Churchill, Miss Fox, Miss Bessie Lee Wilson.
GUADALAJARA.		
Instituto Colon.....	87	Miss Mary Massey, Miss Minnie Varner, Miss Virginia Booth.
Trueheart Day School.....	36	
CHIHUAHUA.		
Palmore Institute.....	520	Miss Lizzie Wilson, Miss Lucy Harper, Miss Maria Wightman Capers.
DURANGO.		
MacDonell Institute	200	Mrs. O'Beirne, Miss May Treadwell, Miss Johnnie Pierson, Miss Clare Beverley Cain, Miss Sue Ford.
Total (11).....	1,966	28.

Value of property, \$300,000.



BRAZIL.

THE Board of Missions opened work in Brazil in —. The Woman's Board entered the field in 1881, when Miss Martha Watts, of the Louisville Conference, opened a school at Piracicaba, and for three months gave her time to one pupil. Now we have thirty women working in eight stations, with over fifteen hundred pupils under instruction.

Brazil is a land of immense size and of wonderful resources. It exports more goods to the rest of the world than all China with twenty-seven times its population. This great, rich country has deep moral and intellectual needs, which place a great spiritual obligation upon the Church of Christ in North America. Back of the intellectual and moral need is a profound religious need. Brazil is a land without a living faith, a land without an open Bible, a land where the "real Christ is hidden behind the mother who bore him." Mr. Speer says: "And what the people see of Christ is no real picture of him. More than eighty churches were visited in South America. In not one of all these churches was there a symbol or a picture or a suggestion of the resurrection or the ascension—not one. In every case Christ was dead upon the cross or he was a ghastly figure lying in a grave. "Where is the living Christ?" a man cries out again and again as he travels up and down South America, and no voice answers him in reply." It is the mission of our Church to answer this cry.

MISS LAYONA GLENN, 1894, North Georgia Conference, Secretary of Mission.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

MISS HELEN HICKMAN, 1909, North Texas Conference.

MISS TRULIE RICHMOND, 1907, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS MARGARET SIMPSON, 1911, Little Rock Conference.

MISS LYDIA FERGUSON, 1911, Central Texas Conference.

DONA GABRIELLA DE SALLES, Native Teacher.

Report of Miss Glenn, Secretary:

I shall not attempt a report of the first months of this year, except to say they were spent in the service of the Council in the United States and in the pleasant companionship of my own home people.

In September I turned my face southward by way of the North and once more began the journey to Brazil. Very different was this journey from the first one that I made, eighteen years ago. Then we were two, only Miss Watts and I; this time we were six, and I rejoiced in the fact that I was bringing four new workers to relieve the great strain on the field.

So with happy hearts we set out on September 20 on board the *Voltaire*. The name of the steamer did not have a very missionary sound, but we had a pretty fair missionary crowd on board. Our party consisted of Mrs. Brown, Misses Hyde, Jarrett, Henderson, Kenney, and myself, besides Miss Kilgore, of the Presbyterian Mission. This number was increased by the presence of Bishop and Mrs. Stuntz and two Y. M. C. A. secretaries, accompanied by their wives. With such a congenial party and little or no seasickness, we had a very pleasant trip. At Bahia we found letters awaiting us bringing the news of Miss Shaffer's forced home-going and the bad state of health of several of the other workers.

On arriving in Rio Mrs. Brown hurried away to Piracicaba; then a few days later Miss Kenney continued her journey southward to Porto Alegre in company with Dr. Brown, of the Episcopal Church, and Miss Jarrett went on to Ribeirao Preto. The same day Misses Hyde, Henderson, and I started on our journey to Juiz de Fora and Bello Horizonte.

I found Miss Warne doing her best to command the situation at the Mineiro (Juiz de Fora), so that the going away of Miss Shaffer would not seriously affect the school.

Miss Epps and the other teachers were helping faithfully, but all were feeling the strain of overwork, and all gave a hearty welcome to Miss Hyde.

After a night's rest, Miss Henderson and I went on to Bello Horizonte. There Miss Howell was anxiously awaiting the coming of the new missionary, as Miss Fenley was not well and Miss Steele, busy with her music class, could not render much assistance in the literary department. Miss Howell herself was in almost as bad a condition as Miss Fenley from overstrain and nervousness. The school was full, and she had had quite a number of changes in her faculty during the year, due to the illness of several of her teachers. All this combined to upset the regular routine and throw more work upon the rest of the teachers, as well as greater responsibility and care upon her, till she was almost on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

The workers welcomed Miss Henderson with open arms, and she did much to relieve the situation. As soon as school closed, the last of November, Misses Howell and Steele left for a trip to Buenos Ayres, thinking that the sea voyage might be beneficial to both of them. It

evidently had the desired effect, for they both seemed well and in excellent spirits when they returned to their work.

On my return from Bello Horizonte I stopped for a few days in Juiz de Fora. I was much pleased to see how Miss Warne was giving herself to the work and responsibility thrown upon her by Miss Shaffer's sudden home-going. It was a hard situation, but she was proving equal to it.

Although only a few days had elapsed since Miss Hyde's arrival, I found her delightedly presiding over a primary arithmetic class. I cannot say whether she or the children were learning most, but they seemed equally interested.

Miss Warne's report will give an insight into the financial problem of the school. She is battling bravely under very discouraging conditions.

The work in Petropolis is in a most prosperous condition and promises even better progress for the future. Miss Pescud is much improved in health and is at her post again. Miss Barton is doing splendidly and seems just the woman for the place. Miss Perkinson has thrown herself into the work with her accustomed enthusiasm, and has kept up well. An occasional lapse of voice, however, warns her that there is a limit to her endurance and warns us that we must not let her overwork herself again.

The situation at Ribeirao Preto becomes daily more serious as the time draws near when the house now occupied by the school must be vacated, and no prospect of securing another presents itself. They are in the identical situation in which the Rio school was four years ago; and unless some arrangement for their accommodation can be made, this school, which is one of the most prosperous and promising in the mission, will go just as the one in Rio did.

Miss Murphy continues in a very feeble state of health. Having been ordered by her physician not to risk another hot season in Ribeirao Preto, she will return home with Miss Stradley. She has done splendid work and won the hearts of all who know her; and while we are sorry to lose her, we feel that she ought to seek a change.

Miss Christine and her associates, Misses Johnston and Jarrett, are earnestly praying and planning for the year's work, although the outlook is discouraging.

Miss Elerding's helper in Sao Paulo, Doña Nunzia Bevilacqua, is keeping up the work during Miss Elerding's stay at home, and she is doing well. Miss Elerding is much missed, however, and another missionary is needed in Sao Paulo.

At Piracicaba, the firmest, best-established work that we have, the school has suffered considerably this year because of the unavoidable interruptions caused by the absence of Mrs. Brown and Miss Jennie Stradley, who were at home on furlough, and by the abrupt going away

of Miss Warne to assist at Juiz de Fora. However, the steady work on the building of the Martha Watts Annex showed the fixed purpose of the school to go forward and counterbalanced in the minds of the people the unsettled condition of the faculty. The present outlook is the most hopeful that has ever been before this dear old school, dear to us all as the birthplace of the great work of Methodist women for their less fortunate Brazilian sisters.

The new building is almost completed; and when it is finished, its doors will open to thousands of Brazil's daughters the way of life. I wish you could see it. But to you who have in your midst such splendid educational plants, with such magnificent, commodious buildings, perhaps it would not seem so satisfactory; but to us, who have had to struggle to do the best work possible in the most inadequate buildings and under cramped conditions, it seems grand.

Miss L. A. Stradley is taking her much-needed vacation, leaving Miss Jennie Stradley, Mrs. Brown, Miss Howell, and Doña Sophia Schalh to carry on the work during her absence. Under their direction and with their consecrated service we hope to see the school go forward and fulfill the promise of steady growth and success.

Miss Richmond's report of her work at the Instituto do Povo (Central Mission) will give an idea of what she is doing, but it does not tell the struggles she is having with her expenses. A special appropriation for room rent for the young women working at Central Institute has been made until this year. Now the two representatives of the Council at that place are having to pay for their rooms as well as for their board, and one can readily see how impossible it is for a woman to keep out of debt when she receives only \$75 per month and must pay \$50 of that for board and room, \$8 for laundry, \$10 for car fare, and at the very least \$15 for Portuguese lessons, not to mention the necessary clothing, shoes, and incidentals.

At the Collegio Americano Fluminense Miss Hickman and Miss Ferguson are doing splendid work under the most unfavorable conditions. I will not mention the unsuitableness of the house occupied, as that has been represented often, so I will limit myself to saying that we are looking for property suitable for the school, but so far have not been successful in finding anything that can be recommended for purchase.

The school at the Botanical Garden has been very well attended and most satisfactory in results this year. The illness of the faithful little head teacher, however, was a heavy blow just at the end of the last term. What will be the result of her illness cannot be foretold. The school has been entirely self-supporting, the receipts having paid the salaries of the three teachers employed there. You will remember that they have no rent to pay, as the room belongs to the Council.

Asking your prayers and continued interest in the work, we submit the report of the year and the results to you and the Master.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO FLUMINENSE.

Report of Miss Hellen Hickman, Principal:

I suppose one can never be quite satisfied in this world. And, frankly speaking, neither those who are associated with me nor I can ever be satisfied with any year's work so long as we must continue to rent unsuitable property. One cannot feel exultant over work that has not been what it should be, and beyond a doubt the work can never be what it should be while conditions remain as they are. However, we are not pessimistic. We believe that after a while we may possess a home we can call our own. Rent is so high and suitable houses so difficult to find that it seems hardly wise to move again unless we can greatly benefit our condition.

There have been three changes in the faculty during the year. Two of the teachers resigned because of ill health and the third because of Cupid's well-aimed arrow; still the little school has kept up even better than last year. Though the number matriculated is somewhat smaller, the average attendance has been better.

Financially the year has been somewhat less embarrassing, a small balance taking the place of the deficit of last year.

During the year we have had the pleasure from time to time of entertaining some one of our missionaries. The arrival of the new and the returning missionaries is a yearly event to which we look forward with pleasure. This year it was an unusual joy, since we had the pleasure of welcoming not only our returning missionaries, Miss Glenn and Mrs. Brown, but also *four* new ones.

It is hardly possible for one to realize the difficulties concerning the location of our new Rio school, for every day it seems that property advances in price; hence to rightly estimate the amount of money that our Board expects to put into the school is indeed a responsibility of no little importance.

We need your sympathy and your prayers.

Report of Miss Ferguson:

My first full year of school work in Brazil has just closed. It has been a year of blessings. Though our school is small, we have been gratified by the fine daily attendance. When the hot season comes on, many of our patrons leave Rio for their summer homes in Petropolis; but this year most of the children came until the close of school. The eager, bright children are our joy and pride. The patronage of the school includes children from some of the best families of the city.

In October our primary teacher married; and Miss Clark, the daughter of the National Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Brazil, was elected to fill her place. She is a bright, lovable girl; and it has been my great joy

to work with her in the primary room. I loved this work at home, and here it is just as fascinating.

My English work has been gratifying. Some of the girls are lovely Christian characters. My Church work has been that of treasurer in the Sunday school and organist for the Portuguese service and for the English service, which is held twice a month; but Mr. Lander, the son of Dr. Lander, of Bello Horizonte, has just returned to Brazil from the United States and has kindly consented to take the work of treasurer, and I shall now have the privilege of teaching a class in the Sunday school.

We are happy to have Miss Glenn return after a year's absence, bringing to us much inspiration and the hope of a new home for our school.

RIO CENTRAL INSTITUTE.

Report of Miss Richmond:

Every department of our work deserves a long, full report, and there are so many departments!

The day school has been, as in past years, almost entirely under the direction of our native principal, Doña Gabriella de Salles, and her four assistants. Notwithstanding many hindrances in the way of sickness and deaths in the homes of several of the teachers, the school has grown. Two hundred and sixteen pupils were matriculated and nearly one hundred more turned away for lack of space and teachers. The average attendance has been rather low, because of the constant moving of the population in this section; but it is interesting to note that seventy-three of the matriculates were pupils who had attended in former years. Many families remain in our neighborhood at a personal sacrifice, because the school is so far superior to the public schools they find in other sections; but we realize that it is not what it should be and will be when we have a missionary as principal. I have not given any more time to the day school work than seemed necessary in order for me to know the pupils and be able to visit to advantage in their homes.

My visitation work has been done in connection with the day school, the night schools, and the medical work. During the year I have made four hundred and four visits and have received something over five hundred callers in my home, which I consider more important than my visits in theirs, as I can reach the people more readily when they are away from their own work and home cares. I have read the Bible and had prayers with many, but have kept no statistics of this nor of the amount of literature distributed. Through the help of the English and American Ladies' Aid Society and other friends I have distributed during the year \$173.25 in food, clothing, medicine, etc., also over three hundred half-worn garments.

The night school for the working girls has been very successful this year. The matriculation is ninety-seven. At the earnest solicitation of the mothers and pupils, I began a class in plain sewing this year. The girls draft and cut their patterns and then make the garments. The Singer Sewing Machine Company kindly loaned us two machines, and we already had one; so the class, having no drawback in lack of equipment, did good work. The classes in cooking, embroidery, English, and in the regular school branches have been well attended throughout the year; and the young women who came to us at the beginning of the year unable to read or write now do quite well and take great pride in being able to read a Bible verse in their turn at the evening service or in Sunday school.

During the year there have been four new departments opened: The sewing class, of which I have already spoken; the kindergarten, which has been a very great addition and of which Miss Simpson will give a full report; a music class, of which Mrs. Long has kindly taken charge; and a dental department, in which special attention is being given to the teeth of the children of the day school.

The spiritual atmosphere of the whole work has been most gratifying, and many of the girls and young women of the night classes and my Sunday school class have expressed a deep desire to follow Christ. Four have been received into full membership and two are in the candidate class, while others who are deeply interested have not been permitted by their families to take any public stand. On the 1st of October I organized the Christians of my Sunday school class into a prayer circle, which meets with me every other week. This has been a great help to the girls and to me in our work for others, and since its organization one girl has accepted Christ as her Saviour. The last of October the whole Sunday school class organized themselves into a Philathea Class, and since that time they have held eight social meetings, which have drawn them all closer together and developed a spirit of fellowship that is most wholesome. We pray that the future may see many more souls brought to a living knowledge of our Lord.

Report of Miss Simpson:

The beginning of the kindergarten department in connection with the work at the mission (Instituto do Povo) was on March 4. The enrollment on the first day was fourteen; by the end of the month we had to limit the number to twenty-five, that number being really too many for one who, after six months, was trying to teach in a foreign tongue. It was a difficult undertaking, at times very trying, but not once did it fail to be interesting. Perhaps to one looking in on my little family it would not be love at first sight, but to work with them is to love them. The children have kept me encouraged and have been a constant stimulus and inspiration to me.

There is in Brazil an utter lack of anything in the way of games, music, and stories suitable for the kindergarten child. This is a very sore need in this department of the work, and means that the work will be handicapped until we are able to make or have made sufficient translation to adequately cover the kindergarten course.

We are very much indebted to Mr. Lewis, our ex-deputy consul general, for the translation of a number of our kindergarten songs—in fact, for all that we have used during the year. Our equipment is adequate to meet our needs.

We are hoping this year that we can make arrangements by means of partitions to give our place somewhat the appearance of a kindergarten, or at least have a place that we can call ours in which to put our material, etc. Mr. Tucker has already promised to arrange it for us, so that is as good as saying we have it.

Our matriculation during the year reached forty-six, but at no time was the active enrollment over twenty-five. We closed our school year of forty weeks on December 13 with a kindergarten Christmas party, to which all the mothers were invited, and they all came. We had a Christmas tree with presents on it made by the children for their parents and for little ones in the homes. The children said their party (festa) was the very nicest they ever saw, and the best part of it was that they had as much cake and orangeade as they wanted. It was truly a very happy party.

During the school year mothers' meetings have been held, at which time we endeavored to give the mothers an idea of what a kindergarten is and what it means to the child and how the mother can help in the work. The plan at first was to hold these meetings monthly, but we found it better for two reasons to have them quarterly. They were well attended, and a great deal of interest was manifested.

The homes of all the children have been visited once each quarter. At first the mothers did not understand why I should visit the children when I saw them in school, and many explanations had to be made.

I have charge of the beginners' department of our Sunday school, and have enjoyed that work as well as all the work connected with the kindergarten.

PETROPOLIS.

MISS ELIZA PERKINSON, 1898, Missouri Conference.

MISS MARY T. PESCU, 1898, North Carolina Conference.

MISS FLORENCE BARTON, 1911, St. Louis Conference.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO.

Report of Miss Eliza Perkinson, Principal:

For the first time in more than two years it is my privilege to send you a report of our school in Petropolis. Even now my record must

include the work of only seven months, as I did not reach the field until May, and since then I have spent at least four weeks out of Petropolis.

When I landed in Rio, I received a letter from Miss Shaffer asking me to go on to Collegio Mineiro at once if possible. Vague rumors to the effect that she was not well influenced me to do so; and after spending but one night in Petropolis, I hurried on to Juiz de Fora. I found Miss Shaffer ill and Miss Epps overburdened with care and anxiety; so I remained until Miss Warne came and took charge of the work under Miss Shaffer's direction. After an absence of a little more than two weeks, I returned to Petropolis, distressed over Miss Shaffer's condition, but so glad that Miss Warne could be with her.

The first term of the Collegio Americano closed June 23, and I was much pleased with the work of the children. The teachers had been faithful, and the results were what we had a right to expect.

Miss Pescud was very tired and nervous, so her doctor ordered her out of Petropolis for at least two months of absolute rest. Miss Barton also left for a little vacation, so for a while I had the right of way. We got the painting finished and many other things done which seem of no consequence and yet mean much to the comfort of the household.

In August we succeeded in getting city water into the house, and since that time have had an abundance of the precious liquid and no disturbing thought of pumps and rams. Surely this is the greatest blessing that has come to us in recent years, and from the depths of full hearts we say: "Our Father, we praise thee."

We have had a full school all the year, and pupil after pupil has been refused because we had no space at our disposition. The matriculation was one hundred and five, thirty-eight of the number being boarders.

The manual training, in charge of Miss Barton, the elementary sewing, in charge of the primary teacher, the intermediate sewing, under Miss Pescud's care, and the pattern work with me have been popular and attractive features of the school.

It has been a busy year and in many respects a most difficult one. From the beginning to the end we have been short of help. One of our teachers died, and her place is vacant. She had been ill for several weeks, and we knew she could not get well, yet we were not quite ready to see her go. Our hearts ache to-day for her bereaved ones and for the little children in our primary room.

The coming term promises as many pupils as we can accommodate, and we are short of teachers. There are many women here that we can employ, but they are not prepared to do the work we need. Our very earnest prayer is for a housekeeper and a good primary teacher.

The health record of our missionaries this year is deplorable, and we must shield our women or lose them. Yet the fact remains that we have

these schools to run; the work we have asked God to give us is within our reach, and we are not able to take hold of it. I am praying that our Father will solve the problem for us.

Report of Miss Barton:

For the first time I have the privilege of reporting a full year's work. My work is chiefly in English. I have eight English classes, three Bible classes, one physical culture class, two chorus classes, and three manual training classes. The manual training work is new in the school, and, considering this year's work from every standpoint, we have reason to be pleased with some of the results. We opened our Conference year under the most uncommon hardship of an inadequate teaching force, and we have known no abatement of that hardship during the year. Nevertheless, we opened our manual training department on February 1 and carried on the work with ever-increasing interest throughout the year.

The students in the college are especially delighted with the domestic science department, which Miss Perkinson opened August 1. While the girls were in the domestic science classes I took all the boys of the school in manual training. We have spent some pleasant and profitable hours in building and furnishing a house from plans drawn by the boys, besides caring for a small garden of vegetables and flowers. It was a happy day when the first vegetables (a bunch of onions) were borne to the kitchen and sold to the cook for 300 reis (3 cents).

The manual training with the advanced class of girls has been especially pleasant. We have studied house furnishings and decorations.

My English and Bible classes have been, in the main, a pleasure to me. Naturally I find it very difficult to teach the Portuguese text, as I do in two Bible classes.

Our chorus work is limited by lack of time and material. We have no really good voices in the school.

Physical culture classes have been held in the garden whenever the weather permitted. A basket ball court is at the service of the boarding girls through the kindness of Mr. Bickerdike, the English mill superintendent, who had the baskets made in his foundry and who sent his man to put them up.

During the last three months I have taught a class of boys in the Sunday school. The Sunday school has grown during the year, and each missionary and teacher at present living in the college has a class in the Sunday school.

We are thankful for blessings, both material and spiritual, that have come to us during the year. Every indication is that next year will be even greater than the past. I ask the prayers of God's people that I may be prepared to bear my share of the burden and that I may be faithful in whatever work is given me.

PIRACICABA.

MISS L. A. STRADLEY, 1896, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS JENNIE STRADLEY, 1912, Northwest Texas Conference.

MRS. FANNIE K. BROWN, 1906, Holston Conference.

MISS ESTELLE HOOD (at home), 1906, North Georgia Conference.

MISS VIRGINIA HOWELL, 1910, Little Rock Conference.

MISS SOPHIA SCHALCH, 1911, Brazil Mission Conference.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO.

Report of Miss L. A. Stradley:

For fourteen years as I made my annual report I could always look backward and give thanks, but never have I experienced a year richer in blessings than 1912. From beginning to end we have had a most harmonious school year. The attendance has been good, the spirit of the student body excellent, and consecrated teachers have done good work.

Our matriculation was 159; average attendance, 122; average number of attendants on public worship, 53; members of Church, 16; candidates, 6; income from Missionary Council, exclusive of salaries of missionaries, \$2,905; missionaries' salaries, \$3,563; income from school, \$9,299.04. We paid out for running the school and for various repairs \$10,705.46 and for the liquidation of a debt contracted during our crises of 1908 \$2,224.53. This debt I have carried personally since that time. The repairs spoken of are two iron girders in the walls of the old building, renewal of walls and pavements around the grounds, a skylight, a new porch in front, the renewing of all the old desks, and various smaller items. These repairs are not yet completed, nor are they all paid for; but we hope to be able to cover the expenses with the money already appropriated by the Council.

One of our greatest causes of rejoicing is the completion of the Martha Watts Annex; and I am sure that our entire mission, as well as the home Church, joins with us in this rejoicing. While the building bears the name and honors the memory of the founder of our Brazilian mission and one of the most heroic and self-sacrificing women that our Church has known, it gives vast and comfortable accommodations to our school; and in the opinion of a member of the Pan-American Commission, who visited it recently, it is from an architectural and æsthetic point of view the best school building he has seen in Brazil. The entire cost has been \$41,791.60, and the present receipts have been: From the Board, \$30,000; a donation from our architect, \$2,000; from a missionary, \$100; from old pupils and friends for the beautiful memorial window, \$842.25. The proper furnishing will require a considerable sum of money; and as yet nothing has been done except the ordering of one hundred sanitary desks, for which Miss Watts left \$500, and two pianos, which seemed a necessity for the development of our music class.

The prospects for the coming year are very fine, and I pray God still to own and bless his work in the Collegio Piracicabano.

Mrs. Fannie K. Brown gives a beautiful glimpse of her visit home and of the return to her loved work:

The first few months after reaching home I was laid up "in dock" for repairs, but by the first of the year I was ready and eager for work and was allowed to do a little as a diversion. The first three months of the new year were spent in study, first at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. The dean of the Conservatory was a personal friend with whom I had studied and taught before coming to Brazil. He is a fine Christian gentleman, thorough, wide-awake, and interested in all good work. I considered it quite a privilege to be with him again and at the same time enjoy the intellectual atmosphere, combined with true Christian culture, of that delightful Southern city. I was seeking and expecting to find a mild climate there; but I found snow, sleet, and ice without, but warm hearts within. I would gladly have remained longer had my time or means permitted. After two delightful months in that hospitable city, I spent a month at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. There too I was fortunate in having a kind friend, Miss Jennie Stradley, to pave the way for me. Thanks to her, who knew the "ins and outs" of that institution and could direct me, in a few hours after reaching there I had matriculated, paid my bills, and was duly installed in my classroom and at work. It was just at the height of the music season, so I had the opportunity of hearing the finest talent, both home and foreign. Had I gotten nothing more than pleasure from that trip, I feel that it was well worth while; but there was a great deal more. Just to come in touch with so many great minds and profound thinkers and to be in the midst of so many earnest workers was an inspiration, and to see their methods of work was helpful.

From New York I went to Washington to attend the meeting of the Council. Here again was a feast of good things and an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the work and workers from other places, both foreign and home. My heart was touched with reports of the great needs of the work and the heroic efforts being made to meet them. From Washington I returned to Spartanburg, where I was glad to meet again the kind friends I had made while there. The principal object of my stopping over there was to attend the music festival that has been held at Converse for many years and has drawn great crowds of music lovers from all over the South. There again I had the pleasure of reveling in music, hearing the finest of artists.

Then I settled down in Asheville, in the "Land of the Sky," for a few weeks to rest among my old friends. While there I was invited to

attend the White River Conference held at Batesville, Ark. This was the one thing that filled to overflowing my cup of pleasure. I had longed, but scarcely hoped, to become acquainted with these kind friends who claim me as one of their missionaries. I had never had the pleasure of knowing any of them personally; and, as I said to them, I had felt somewhat like, I imagine, a stepchild or an adopted one who received all he needed and more than he ought to expect. Yet still there was something lacking—perhaps a heart hunger to know personally and love those who were doing so much for me. But now I no longer feel a stranger, but one of them. I pray that I may be worthy of their love for me and their efforts in my behalf. I also had the pleasure of attending the Jubilee Meeting in Norfolk and the annual meeting of the Virginia Conference after reaching home in the fall.

The last three months of my stay in the homeland was spent with my sisters in Virginia. I had a most delightful voyage with Misses Glenn, Hyde, Jarrett, Henderson, and Kenney, of our Church, and Miss Kilgore, of the Presbyterian. Bishop Stuntz and wife, of the M. E. Church, who were on their way to Buenos Ayres, added greatly to the pleasure of our trip. There were also two Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Watson going to Juiz de Fora and Mr. and Mrs. McKnight, with one little boy, going to Buenos Ayres.

I think it unnecessary to say that I was delighted to get back to my work, and especially to find the school in a prosperous condition. The new building, Martha Watts Annex, which is not yet completed, is one of which you will have cause to be proud. It has already made many hearts happy. It was so near the close of school when I came that it was thought best not to make many changes in the schedule. I found, however, some of my old pupils and some others just waiting my return to begin studying; so I was soon at work, and I am still teaching during the holidays and glad to be able to help increase the finances. I was delighted to bring back two new pianos with me. I have taken up my Church work as usual, at the same time doing as much visiting among the people as I can. We had quite a nice Christmas service for our little folks, though the old ones enjoyed it as well, and, as usual, it drew quite a crowd to our church. Some of them had never been in a Protestant church before, and it pleased them.

I do not believe you can fully realize just what our furloughs at home mean to us. Rest we must. Yet there is so much we feel the need of and are so eager to get all we can to bring back to our work—not only renewed strength and vigor of mind and body, which are so essential, and helpful ideas along our special line of work, but spiritual vigor, strength, and inspiration that come from being in contact with strong, broad-minded Christian workers whose souls are aflame with the love of Christ.

Report of Miss Virginia O. Howell:

As I look back over the past year from the rush of house-cleaning preparatory to our opening in February until the close of school in November, I feel grateful to my Heavenly Father for the tender care with which he has guarded us during all this time. Our blessings have been many, our student body has been excellent, very little sickness has occurred among the children (none of it serious), and our work has prospered.

This year I have had charge of the large assembly hall, where all of our girls from the second to the ninth grade stay. I wish I could take you into it and let you see the difficulties which I have encountered there while teaching—the practicing in the room below, the rush of the vehicles in the street at my side, the hammering and noise from the new building (a part of the time from repairs on the old one), in addition to all this a certain amount of necessary school noise. Then I should like to take you into our new Annex, and you could realize something of the joy this will be in our school work. The difficulties of the past year will only serve to make me appreciate the new building all the more.

My classroom work has been varied. The subjects taught are: English, Bible, nature study, drawing, writing, and physical culture. The first half of the year I continued to take charge of our school supply deposit and to do a part of the bookkeeping.

After Miss Warne was called to Juiz de Fora in May, I was given charge of the housekeeping on the first floor.

A change was made in our physical culture department this year. There was only one class for the boarders, and it was held out of doors early in the evening. I had the class until Miss Jennie Stradley's return. In addition to my regular school duties, I have taught a class in Sunday school and continued in my superintendence of the Junior League.

Among the joys of the year has been the home-coming of Miss Jennie Stradley and Mrs. Brown. It is a great pleasure to have them with us again and to feel the fresh breaths of air which they brought us from the outside world.

I have spoken of the Martha Watts Annex. I wish you could see it. The airy, well-lighted rooms are a joy. The building has inspired me, and in writing this I have found myself starting to make a report of the things I expect to do next year rather than what I have already done this year.

Report of Miss Jennie Stradley:

Recalling the events of the past year of my life, I am reminded of the Indian myth of the origin of the Mississippi and of how

"The Spirit, stooping earthward,
With his finger on the meadow,
Traced a winding pathway for it,
Saying to it: 'Run in this way.'"

And as a pathway is torn open for a river through apparently impenetrable mountains or as among the more resistant rocks some more easily eroded are found which determine the course of the river, so the course of my life seems traced not by me but for me.

A year ago I arranged to return to Brazil as a teacher, and spent the first half of this year at Teachers' College, Columbia University, preparing myself better for this work. Later it was decided that I should return as a regular missionary.

In July I left New York, feeling that, if possible, my life was one of greater responsibility than ever before, since I should work under a name and in a capacity of which so much is rightfully expected—that of missionary. On reaching Bahia our party received a copy of the Conference appointments, and I was surprised to see that the Bishop placed me in charge of our school during the furlough of my sister, Miss L. A. Stradley. So for the last four or five months of the year I have been trying humbly and faithfully to prepare to carry on this great work as Principal, always conscious that I shall not succeed in my own strength.

During the school session I have been able to help in the literary department, and since our vacation has begun the correspondence and preparation for next year have kept me busy. From our point of view the prospects for a full school were never brighter. There has been an unusually large number of requests for catalogues and for information. But the best of all is that these requests come from places where our girls have gone and the result of our work has been seen.

Report of Miss Sophia Schaleh:

The kindergarten this year has not been as successful as I wished it to be, for I changed the method of teaching, and it was hard for me to reconcile the mothers to the new method. Before I took charge of the kindergarten it was a sort of mixture of kindergarten and primary; a little reading and writing was taught in it. After I took charge, I turned the older children entirely over to the primary teacher and stopped the reading and writing in the kindergarten, and some of the mothers could not reconcile themselves to the idea that their four- and five-year-old babies were not learning to read and write. But I have some pupils already promised for next year, and I hope to have a larger kindergarten. This year I had twenty-four enrolled.

My sewing class did very good work, and we had a fine exhibition of the work done by the pupils. During the year I have done the buying

for the children and also helped in the housework. I am still President of the Ladies' Aid Society, and the ladies are working faithfully for the parsonage.

The Literary Department of the League, of which I am the President, helped in the Christmas entertainment given by the Sunday school.

My primary department in the Sunday school is doing very nicely. The children often bring their playmates with them. Some of these are from Catholic families, and thus our influence is extending.

JUIZ DE FORA.

MISS LOUIDA SHAFFER (at home), 1896, Missouri Conference.

MISS SARAH WARNE, 1909, Los Angeles Conference.

MISS LEILA FLOSSIE EPPS, 1911, South Carolina Conference.

MISS EVA LOUISE HYDE, 1912, Missouri Conference.

COLLEGIO MINEIRO.

Report of Miss Sarah Warne:

From reports hitherto sent from Collegio Mineiro I judge that the friends in the homeland will be unprepared for this, the only one that I am able to submit. So inadequate are reports to convey conditions as they really are that it is with reluctance that I undertake this task.

After attending a most helpful session of our annual meeting in Juiz de Fora a year ago, I spent a few days in the beautiful city of Bello Horizonte. Returning to my home in Piracicaba, preparations began at once for the opening of the February term in Collegio Piracicabano. Just to what extent my work there was a success I cannot judge, but in my own life I felt such a promise for development that my personal desire was to remain there indefinitely. However, it seems that this desire was not to be gratified, for in May a telegram from Juiz de Fora called me to Collegio Mineiro. Within a few days my work in Piracicaba was closed and I was at my post in Juiz de Fora, where I found Miss Shaffer ill and her only missionary helper, Miss Epps, with more than she could well do.

Shortly after my arrival Miss Shaffer was obliged to go to Rio de Janeiro for treatment, leaving me as her substitute to direct the examinations and close the term ending in June. Unfortunately in the midst of the examinations I was taken with an illness due to the change from Piracicaba to Juiz de Fora, and the ten days' vacation which I had hoped to spend in getting my bearings for the new term was spent in receiving treatment. Thanks to the skill of our physician, at the end of the ten days I was able to open the July term, and have been working almost unceasingly ever since.

Miss Shaffer's return from Rio was only temporary, for within a few days she had to go back to the hospital. After six weeks she was

recommended to seek relief in the homeland immediately; so without being permitted to return to our midst, she embarked in September, and I was formally appointed directress of Collegio Mineiro.

We have continued the work as well as we could, but it has not been without those drawbacks which so often accompany changes and irregularity during the school year. We knew that they must come, and we have tried to meet them bravely.

In the middle of October our hearts were gladdened by the arrival of Miss Glenn and the new missionaries. Their presence and sympathy have meant much to the lightening of the burden. Owing to the nearness of the close of the term, it was not deemed advantageous to make further changes in the classroom work; so what time Miss Hyde has been able to spare from the study of the language has been spent in filling gaps, doing those things which had been left undone for so long a time, principally furnishing work for the primary children and directing garden work. It is certainly a pleasure to see her ability to learn the language, and without doubt she will soon be able to take her first examination.

Miss Epps has been untiring in her efforts, and it is indeed gratifying to note how she has gained the love and confidence of the children. She has been conscientious in her language study.

Miss Shaffer and Bishop Lambuth have already presented the need of a special appropriation to meet an old obligation. This is included in the estimates. Before Miss Shaffer's departure she presented to the Bishop the need of a new floor for one of the schoolrooms, and I was instructed to get an estimate of the cost and present this also to the committee on appropriations. The floor will have to be patched before the opening of school. Over and above this I shall have to ask for an appropriation to help meet the current expenses of the year just closing, for with the extra expense of so many changes and the withdrawal of some full-pay pupils the income has not met the demand.

As to the material outlook for the coming year, I do not know what to present; but in all that shall be done we hope to hold so high the standard of Collegio Mineiro that the work will not suffer. We have our Father's promises. Pray that we may not waver in claiming them.

Report of Miss Epps:

This year's experiences have fully convinced me that the life of a boarding school worker is no humdrum repetition of things from day to day. The work is with real, live schoolgirls; therefore new problems have continually come up, and every day some new work has had to be done. Most of my time has been spent with the girls of our home, having charge of them in the house, on the playground, on their walks, and in study halls. I have thoroughly enjoyed helping to care for the little ones. There are twelve who range from eight to thirteen years

of age, and they all sleep in one large room. It is pitiful to see them so crowded that there is a space of only six inches between their little beds.

It is gratifying to note the increase of interest that the girls have taken in outdoor games, especially in basket ball. At our commencement two public games were played, and they were much appreciated. The girls played well, and we were proud of them. I have organized the gymnasium class into a military company, and the girls seem to enjoy it. Our officers have done beautifully and have learned to give all commands in English.

I have had very little teaching to do this year, and I think it is very well that I had no more, for even then oftentimes I had to teach in the same classroom with two other teachers, one teaching a French and the other a mathematics class. Many times I had to recite my Portuguese lesson out in the yard. My language work is interesting, and it is such a pleasure to be able to understand and to talk a little. I have a Sunday school class that I try to teach in Portuguese; and though it is not easy work, I am indeed thankful for the privilege of doing my very best.

Our hearts were made very sad when Miss Shaffer had to go home because of ill health; but we know that she is in God's hands, and he knows best. How beautiful it is to have a loving Heavenly Father into whose keeping we may trust all of our loved ones!

Miss Warne came before Miss Shaffer left, and she has been making a brave fight to carry on the work. It is a hard place to fill, and she needs the help and sympathy of those working in the school with her.

Miss Hyde has been a wonderful blessing to us. Her coming into our home has brought joy to each one, and we are thankful for her beautiful influence.

In many respects this has been a very trying year; but we believe that God is directing, and we hope for wonderful blessings from him this coming year. Pray for us that we may be strong and not fail him in any of the work committed into our hands.

Report of Miss Hyde:

I have been scarcely three months in the land of my adoption, but already I feel as much at home as though it had been that many years. I find that not one of the many beautiful things which were told me of this wonderful country have been exaggerated, and I long sometimes for the Brazilian facility in the use of adjectives in order that I may adequately describe to those who have not seen it the beauties of this land of flowers and sunshine. I am glad with all my heart that God has brought me to a place where his presence seems so near and vital in the loveliness of his creation, and my great desire is that my life here may be as clear a revelation to others of his loving-kindness as nature is to me.

As a first report must necessarily be largely a record of early impressions, I wish to register my impressions of the older missionaries. In Rio, Petropolis, and Juiz de Fora such a cordial welcome and such kind thoughtfulness were bestowed upon me that they effectually banished all feelings of strangeness and loneliness. I appreciate this all the more now because I have been here long enough to get a glimpse of the strenuous life of these missionaries.

In Juiz de Fora I found very pleasant tasks awaiting me, just enough to keep me from feeling like a drone in the hive. The employment of an English gardener at the time afforded a little vent for my energies in the task of directing him. The primary room being overcrowded, I relieved the teacher there by taking one group of the children at a time out to the garden shelter and keeping them busy there. I gave them number and word drills, sentence construction, and a little manual training. This proved a most delightful task and splendid practice in Portuguese.

The remainder of my time has been spent in language study. I have found Portuguese most interesting; and though there are many moments of discouragement, I have not as yet lost hope of being able to talk some day. This vacation I expect to spend a short time in a Brazilian family for better practice in hearing and speaking the language. Then with the coming year I hope to take a real place in the teaching force of our school.

BELLO HORIZONTE.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX.

MISS BLANCHE HOWELL, 1902, Western North Carolina Conference.

MISS MAMIE FENLEY, 1908, Brazil Conference.

MISS MIRIAM STEEL, 1910, Northwest Texas Conference.

MISS LUCY HENDERSON, 1912, South Georgia Conference.

This school, in common with other schools of Brazil, has had the best year in its history. The patronage has been large, and the class of work done by the girls has been good. The teachers too have been faithful as well as competent. While the patronage has been large, there are reasons why it should increase, for it is being said that this school is the best for girls in the city. The second National Congress of Education was held in Bello Horizonte in October, 1912. The committee visited a few of the city schools, ours among the number. About thirty came in a body, including the Minister of the Interior, a well-known author, who has written many of our school textbooks, and other important personages, representatives of the different States. The director (president of the

most important college in Belrin Pora) gave two of our girls prizes for maps drawn by them. This was a delightful surprise. The account of their visit to the Isabella Hendrix was written up in the daily papers. My position on the most important committees helped me to become familiar with the work and workers. Since that meeting the Minister of the Interior has asked for a picture of our building with the girls in front, which he wished to put into his message to the State.

The school has increased in size, and more classrooms are needed at once. We have reached our limit, and it grieves us to refuse to admit those who apply. There is in our yard a building which, with \$1,400, could be converted into an attractive primary room, and thus make room for others in the main building. If our women at home could see the necessity for this enlargement as I see it, surely some of them would contribute liberally to this object. The teachers are rendering most valuable assistance. We gave a most cordial welcome to Miss Henderson, the last acquisition to our faculty.

RIBEIRAO PRETO.

MISS EMMA CHRISTINE, 1903, St. Louis Conference.

MISS EUNICE ANDREW (at home), 1907, Tennessee Conference.

MISS HELEN JOHNSTON, 1901, Louisiana Conference.

MISS RACHEL JARRETT, 1912, Texas Conference.

MISS LIZZIE MURPHY, Missionary Teacher.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA.

Miss Emma Christine, Principal:

We are in vacation now; restful, quiet vacation. God bless the man who invented it! The bright, frolicsome girls have left us for the holidays; and only the pitapat steps of a yellow dog, the stealthy tread of the black cat, and the somewhat firmer footfalls of five old maids awake the echoes in this deserted house.

Now that the girls and most of the teachers have gone, I wonder how we stood the pressure of thirty-three boarders and ten teachers in these close quarters. Owing to the unusual arrangement of this house, the noise and disorder peculiar to schoolrooms, pianos, dormitories, dining room, and kitchen all combine to form one grand discord in the funnel-shaped roof that covers the improvised dining room and from thence reëchoes and resounds throughout the house. Do you wonder that we welcome the quiet of vacation? However, one can endure many dis-

comforts when relief is promised. The vision of a new building on our own splendid city block is enough to buoy up drooping spirits even in the most depressing hour.

Illogical? I have begun my report at the wrong end, so I turn back a page. The first of the year found me in Porto Alegre getting ready for the opening of the boarding school at that place. With Miss Lamb's return in April, I was relieved of that work and went to the help of the day school of the Institutional Church. I was just beginning to get interested in the little ones of that needy school when a message from the Bishop called me to Ribeirao Preto. Great was my satisfaction on arriving here to find the school in a flourishing condition and more work awaiting me than I knew how to take hold of. All honor to Miss Andrew and her helpers! They have done much. Since arriving here my mind has been so engrossed with the business in connection with the school and our school property that, like Martha, I have been "troubled and anxious about many things." Yet this is not the real work of the school—only the scaffolding, as it were. Happily, we have good and consecrated helpers and teachers, and to them is due largely its rather remarkable success.

Not wishing to make this year different from other years, the closing weeks were attended with the usual excitement and confusion incident to examinations, "festa," and school exhibit. Judging the whole almost from the standpoint of an outsider, I wondered that the school had accomplished so much with so meager an equipment.

On the last Sunday before school closed a special service for the students was held in the church, at which many of our girls manifested a desire to belong to Christ. We pray that this desire may be deepened until they belong to him indeed. To this end may we labor and pray!

Our hearts were gladdened by the coming of Miss Jarrett, for the work here needed reënforcements. Misses Glenn and Stradley made us a pleasant visit.

It seems that we could not close the year without one last dart from the enemy. The Italian Club, from which we rent our main building, not having shown itself fixed in its prices nor faithful to its promises, we were led to ask for a lease for one year at a specified sum. To this they agreed, on condition that the rent be increased from four hundred to five hundred milreis monthly. We were not prepared for this, as the rent had so recently been raised, so Dr. Shalders was called in to intercede for us. The result was that the club consented to rent the place to us for one year at one hundred and fifty dollars a month. A formal contract to this effect was signed, and we considered the matter settled. What was our surprise, then, when the president and secretary of the club waited on us with the astounding information that they had received another offer for the house—the magnificent offer of five hundred milreis monthly for two years, paid in advance. They

continued by saying that we must pay the same or vacate. On being given their very recent contract to read, they coolly informed us that it was of no value. The sum demanded amounts to four thousand dollars cash. To make the case more serious for us, the offer was made by the president of another school, who, if he had taken our house, would have taken many of our pupils also. Realizing that we could not grapple with these money sharks, the matter was turned over to Dr. Shalders, who consulted lawyers. They declared the contract legal, and the undue demand of the Italian Club was exposed. We have the right to remain here until the close of 1913, paying the contract price of one hundred and fifty dollars monthly.

The need of a new building becomes each day more imperative. If we should begin to build immediately, the house could not be completed by the close of 1913. At least this is the general opinion, owing to the great amount of building going on in this and in other cities. We should begin as soon as possible and remove the school from the power of those who would oppress it.

Report of Miss Helen Johnston:

Change seems the most appropriate word to apply to the work for 1912. Although some of the changes would not have been chosen, yet we realize that the guiding hand of our Father has been with us and given us the victory where otherwise it would have been failure.

The state of Miss Murphy's health at the beginning of the year was a cause of anxiety and sorrow to us. We were glad, though, that after rest and treatment she could come back to us and take up a part of her work. She has meant much to the school. Her pupils love her, and she has great influence over them.

The growth of the school during the year has been such that it seemed that every few weeks some change had to be made in dormitories or schoolrooms to furnish adequate accommodation for the crowd. Some have wondered how it was possible for us to do what we were doing with such accommodations; but when a thing has to be done, there is generally some way found in which to accomplish it.

Now we feel that the time has come in which Collegio Methodista must have its home. Bishop Lambuth's hurried though appreciated visit to us made him realize how necessary it is that the school have its own building.

Miss Christine's coming has been a blessing, and we are sure that under her supervision the school will continue to prosper. We were glad also to be remembered in the distribution of the new forces, and welcomed Miss Jarrett to her new home and work during the very busiest part of the year. She may have felt a little neglected during these days, but she is courageous and has been able to keep a brave heart.

On account of the condition of my eyes, I had to give up my class in

Sunday school. I still have charge of the Junior League, which has done a good work.

We thank our Father for a good year, and praise him for power and strength given, and also for loving forbearance with our shortcomings.

Report of Miss Rachel Jarrett:

After a year of waiting and of longing to be in my appointed place in the mission field, I arrived at Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto, October 16, 1912. This was the busiest part of the school session, as the closing exercises and the final examinations were but a month away, and I could relieve the strain very little. I was glad to take two English classes and the physical culture from Miss Christine and to assist Miss Johnston, as I could, with the care of the household.

Not only did I find this a critical period in the school session, but also one in the life of the school. From its very infancy God's hand has been upon Collegio Methodista in blessing; and through the efforts of splendid, consecrated women it has in its thirteen years grown stronger and stronger until now it stands as a young daughter, just where repression and denial of rightful privileges means the undoing of past work and the wreck of all hopes for future usefulness. Our school needs to move from its present crowded, unsanitary condition of damp and moldy passageways, badly ventilated and even sunless rooms into such accommodations as are being afforded by the Roman Catholic and the government schools. As the only school representing Protestantism in a wicked and prosperous city, our opportunity for saving souls seems immeasurable.

Even though there was a discouraging delay of several weeks before I could secure a Portuguese teacher, the two and a half months spent here have been full of joy, and I am indeed grateful for the privilege that our Father has given me of witnessing for the living Christ in Brazil.

SAO PAULO.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS AMELIA ELERDING, 1892, Illinois Conference, supported by the South Georgia Conference.

Miss Elerding is our only worker in the great city of Sao Paulo. She is an evangelist among the Italians of the city, and has accomplished a fine work. She is at home on furlough, but is well represented by an evangelistic helper and some Bible women, who carry on the work while she is away.

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL.
Miss Layona Glenn, Superintendent of Mission.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
RIO DE JANEIRO.		
Collegio Americano Fluminense.....	54	Miss Hellen Hickman, Miss Lydia Ferguson.
Jardim Botanico School.....	97	
Central Mission Day School...	216	Miss Trulie Richmond.
Kindergarten.....	45	Miss Margaret Simpson.
Night School.....	97	Miss Gabriella de Salles (native teacher).
Petropolis.....	105	Miss Eliza Perkinson, Miss Mary Pescud, Miss Florence Barton.
PIRACICABA.		
Collegio Piracicabano (Martha Watts Annex).....	159	Miss L. A. Stradley, Mrs. Fannie K. Brown, Miss Jennie Stradley, Miss Estelle Hood, Miss Virginia Howell, Miss Sophie Schalh.
JUIZ DE FORA.		
Collegio Mineiro.....	147	Miss Ida Shaffer, Miss Sarah Warne, Miss Leila Flossie Epps, Miss Eva Louise Hyde.
BELLO HORIZONTE.		
Isabella Hendrix.....	150	Miss Blanche Howell, Miss Mamie Fenley, Miss Miriam Steel, Miss Lucy Henderson.
SAO PAULO.		
Evangelistic Work.....		Miss Amelia Elerding.
RIBEIRAO PRETO.		
Collegio Methodista.....	155	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Miss Emma Christine, Miss Helen Johnston, Miss Murphy (teacher), Miss Rachel Jarrett.
Total (8).....	1,225	26.

SOUTH BRAZIL CONFERENCE.

PORTO ALEGRE.

MISS ELIZABETH LAMB, North Carolina Conference.

MISS MAGGIE LEE KENNEY, 1912, Los Angeles Conference.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO.

Miss Elizabeth Lamb:

The year has been a very difficult one, and has repeated our annual disappointment of no building. We are at a standstill; we have reached our limit as to room for boarders; and if a helper should be sent to us and no change be made as to house, we should have to refuse four of our eighteen boarders in order to give the helper a room. A helper is needed, and we are unwilling to refuse four of our girls, so you can readily understand our state of mind.

Three of our last year's girls will not be allowed to return because they did not do good work, but their places are taken by new girls. Otherwise the work has been satisfactory, and we are encouraged.

Miss Amalia Delacoste finished the course, and will return next year as a regular teacher. The ladies of the Virginia Conference are to be congratulated because their investment of love, prayer, and money has been wonderfully blessed of God and this consecrated life is added to our ranks. Much of the success of the college is due to Miss Delacoste. She is intelligent, attractive, and consecrated, and gives herself and her whole influence. She will return for about half the salary she could easily receive in another school.

Our need is great. Please do not forget that you who are in the homeland "hold the ropes."

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH BRAZIL.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
PORTO ALEGRE.		
Collegio Americano.....	80	Miss Elizabeth Lamb.
Day School.....	115	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney.
Total (2).....	195	2.

CUBA.

MATANZAS.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND, 1881, Texas Conference.

MISS BELLE MARKEY, 1902, Florida Conference.

IRENE TOLAND SCHOOL.

Report of Miss Toland, Principal:

Ten years ago in August of the year that has just closed Miss Markey and I came to the school work in Matanzas. How excellent has been the loving-kindness of the Lord through all those years! The work has not always been easy, and many a time I might have fallen by the way had I not "endured as seeing him who is invisible."

Our boarding department has not grown as rapidly as I had hoped, yet we have not been without a token for good in our work. Some difficulties that greatly hindered us have been removed, and at the close of the year we find ourselves in quietness and in confidence. The girls are well behaved and ambitious, and we have no disturbing elements in our midst as we had suffered from the two previous years. The parents in Cuba have not yet awakened to a great extent to the necessity of educating their daughters as they do their sons, and at the slightest unrest in the country they become alarmed for the safety of their girls and want to have them right by their side.

The outlook for the coming year is much brighter for the school, and we hope we shall be able to fill our dormitories this year. From January to December there entered thirty-five boarding pupils, but we never had that number in the house at any one time. At present we have twenty-six boarding pupils and three half-boarders.

The main feature in the school is the class for the preparation of teachers, and the whole course of study leads up to that. Nineteen of our girls have finished the course and hold teachers' certificates. Many of them are now teaching in the public or private schools. Two of our former pupils are on our staff of teachers, and they are doing fine work. The majority of the girls with us are Protestants. Being such, they are more apt to become workers for Christ when they return to their homes, and will be more ready to help in the Sunday school and other Church work. In a small town of this district, where there is no resident pastor, the superintendent of the district has lately reorganized the Sunday school and intrusted the management of it to two of our graduates who live in the town. There could no greater joy come to our hearts

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than that which comes from seeing our girls living helpful lives and putting into practice the lessons learned while in the mission school.

The conditions are such that we do not hope to have many day pupils until the facilities for reaching us from town are improved. We have not the street cars yet, and the distance is great. The school is beautifully located on a hill overlooking the town; but our immediate surroundings are not all that could be desired, and for that reason some day pupils who otherwise might come to us are kept away.

The health of our entire household is almost perfect. It has been nearly two years since we have had to call a doctor for one of the girls. The air is pure and fresh and right from the sea, so we can hardly help keeping well.

We need another missionary, and hope one will be sent to help us. We have had no American teacher since the spring term.

Report of Miss Markey:

The year 1912 has drawn to a close, and we have started in with renewed animation on 1913, ready for its difficulties and victories. So busy are we with our several duties, doing all that we can to see the work advance under our hands, that we do not pause to consider what we really have accomplished until the time comes to render an account.

The year's work was divided in two parts by our sudden recall to the United States during the few weeks of the revolution last summer. The race uprising did our work some harm; but fortunately it came on just before the close of school in May, and interfered only with our final examinations. Then came the political unrest and excitement that always attend elections. This is all passed and confidence seems to be restored. Parents are again sending their girls away to school. A number of new pupils have entered, and we expect others.

I am still in charge of the English work, and thus come in touch with all the pupils. This occupies my time from 8:30 until 11 in the morning, and from 1 until 4 in the afternoon. I have the oversight of our classrooms below and dormitories above. I ring the rising bell at 6, so that all are ready for prayers at 6:50. In this service the teachers and pupils in the normal class take turns in leading. After breakfast the girls put the rooms in order, finishing before school time. I find it well to grade the girls on their housework; it stimulates them to do their best. I also have the oversight of the girls in this building outside of school hours, and ring the retiring bells. Grading them on general conduct helps to make them more obedient.

In addition to my duties, I try to do some special studying every day. Shut off as we missionaries are, it is very easy to get into ruts if we are not watchful. We are sometimes asked: "Don't you get lonesome?" Fortunately there is never time for that.

CIENFUEGOS.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN.

MISS HATTIE G. CARSON, 1895, South Georgia Conference.

MISS BESSIE STUBBS, Missionary Teacher, 1910, South Georgia Conference.

Report of Miss Hattie G. Carson, Principal:

This year's record, as regards numbers at least, does not come up to the two previous ones. This shortage may be accounted for in various ways. So many private schools have sprung up around us that even the public schools have felt their influence in the loss of pupils. Some fathers have lost their positions, so we have been obliged to dismiss a few children and not to receive others who could not pay.

We try not to feel discouraged, believing that as the island becomes more settled in its politics our school will increase in attendance. A great many people are against us, as they think that Uncle Sam is just ready and waiting to pounce upon them as a bird of prey, to snatch away their liberty. The less said, however, on this subject perhaps the better. But the race war of last summer belonged more to a savage country than a civilized one. Many a revolting act was committed, many a horrible deed was done. Just one sample of this: After one of their battles some one cut off the ears of the slain and carried them in a basket into Santiago to show how many had been killed.

This war gave me the unexpected pleasure of visiting my loved ones, as it was thought prudent for us to leave Cuba for a time. People were so excited here that it was thought best to have no entertainment at the close of school. Nine girls passed their teachers' examinations, and six more are preparing themselves now.

Upon our return from the United States we found our cement sidewalk, about which we had had so much trouble, actually finished. Although we had paid almost double the price agreed upon, the contractor reported that we had cheated him out of two hundred dollars. We would be amazed, no doubt, if we knew of all the falsehoods told about us. Having a nice pavement made it necessary to paint the house, so the front part of it has been greatly improved.

Just a month before the school closed a man brought two very forlorn little objects to us as boarders, telling a pitiful story, but promising to pay for the little girls. He left five dollars with which to buy some clothing for them. They were almost in rags; and although only six and seven years of age, their dresses almost touched the floor. This man has never returned, and upon inquiring for him at the address he gave us nothing could be learned of him. If necessary, we can put these children in an asylum; but we will try to keep them as long as we retain scholarships on which to place them. Pray that Maria Isabel

and Maria Magdalena may grow up to be good and noble women, grateful to those who are supporting them. The improvement in them has already been remarkable; they would hardly be recognized as the same children.

Besides these two, we have nine other scholarships, all bright and worthy children. We sincerely hope that none of these will be withdrawn this year, as the money sent for them is certainly well invested.

We have only one servant, the cook, the children doing all the rest of the work. Even our pay boarders take their share, seeming anxious to learn everything. As the work is changed every five or six weeks, it does not become monotonous to them. Every Sunday our cook leaves at noon, so the girls in turn cook the dinner. We never have to employ a seamstress, the girls making their own clothes and mine also at times. Some of the larger ones even do their own laundering; and in order to pay for her teacher's course, the girl supported by the Elizabeth Swiggart scholarship is washing for our two little abandoned ones. Thus the girls are learning to become independent. When we think of what some of these children were when they came to us and what they are now, we are greatly encouraged.

Seven of our pupils united with the Church this year, and the large majority of the school attend church services and Sunday school.

For the Christmas entertainment, instead of receiving presents, the Sunday school gave them, such as shoes, dresses, ribbons, etc., making many a little heart glad and enabling them to attend the services also. While our school had no public exercises, we gave the pupils the usual amount of candy and presents and an exhibition with the radiopticon.

Last April Miss Ruff was called home to nurse her dying mother, who went to her heavenly home in October. Miss Ruff has not returned to us, and we miss her greatly. In order to supply this vacancy, we made another, Miss Fox giving up her music classes to enter upon literary work. To have no music has been bad for the school; but not having a sufficient number of pupils, we did not feel warranted in asking for another teacher.

Since September we have enrolled only ninety-three, making the matriculation for the year one hundred and forty-five. Of those who did not return, some have moved from the city, others were boys too large to reënter, nine graduated, and a few went to other schools. Through the year we have had twenty-five boarders; not at one time, however, as we can accommodate only twenty.

When our Church needed a piano, these girls, and teachers included, earned over two hundred dollars to help pay for it. For about six weeks we lived a very strenuous life, making ice cream, candy, and cakes and selling them to the pupils. Some made dresses, others painted pictures, etc.

After class hours Misses Stubbs and Fox either visit for the school or take the girls out for exercise.

On account of the many interruptions, I have tried to teach as little as possible this year, keeping on, however, with my night classes until the summer.

Pray that our work may prosper more and more each year.

Although we have strong enemies, we know that "they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

SCHOOLS AND MISSIONARIES IN CUBA.

SCHOOLS.	PUPILS.	MISSIONARIES.
MATANZAS.		
Irene Toland School.....	47	Miss Rebecca Toland, Miss Belle Markey.
CIENFUEGOS.		
Eliza Bowman.....	145	Miss Hattie Carson, Miss Agnes Ruff, Miss Bessie Stubbs (missionary teacher).
Total (2).....	192	4.

Value of property, \$37,500.

Statistics of the Foreign Department, 1912-13.

	Missionaries.	Native and Foreign Helpers.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Total Pupils.
China.....	41	50	6	900	26	1,357	2,257
Korea.....	19	20	5	489	23	392	881
Brazil.....	28	35	7	800	5	626	1,426
Mexico.....	28	81	7	1,773	3	193	1,966
Cuba.....	4	14	2	192	.....	.....	192
Total.....	120	202	27	4,154	57	2,568	6,722

	Bible Women.	Bible Schools.	Scholarships.	Hospitals.	Patients During Year.	Buildings Owned by Board.	Buildings Rented by Board.	Value of Property Owned by Board.
China.....	73	2	215	1	6,000	15	10	\$ 340,355
Korea.....	96	3	170	.....	.....	8	.....	110,000
Brazil.....	11	.....	50	.....	.....	4	5	200,000
Mexico.....	13	.....	135	.....	.....	13	5	315,000
Cuba.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	2	.....	55,800
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	100,000
Total.....	193	5	605	1	6,000	43	20	\$1,211,155

Membership in 1912, 99,886.

Membership in 1911, 99,626.

MISSIONARIES NOW IN ACTIVE WORK OF WOMAN'S MISSION-ARY COUNCIL OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Name and Address.	Country.
Alfter, Miss Ellen, Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico	Mexico
Anderson, Miss Ida, Changchow, China	China
Andrew, Miss Eunice F., Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
Atkinson, Miss Virginia M., Soochow, China	China
Attaway, Miss Bertha O.	China
Barcroft, Miss Linnie, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Barker, Miss Mattie M., Wonsan, Korea	Korea
Barton, Miss Florence, Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil	Brazil
Baxter, Miss Mary Jane	Brazil
Beadle, Miss Margaret, Soochow, China	China
Bliler, Miss Lela	China
Bomar, Miss Mildred B., Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Booth, Miss Virginia, Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico	Mexico
Bradshaw, Miss Annie Clare, Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Brittingham, Miss Edith	Mexico
Brown, Mrs. Fannie, Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil	Brazil
Buie, Miss Hallie, Wonsan, Korea	Korea
Burkhead, Miss Frances, Soochow, China	China
Buttrick, Miss Terrie Etta, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Cain, Miss Clara Beverly, Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico	Mexico
Campbell, Mrs. J. P., Seoul, Korea	Korea
Capers, Miss Maria Wightman, Apartado 50, Chihuahua, Mexico	Mexico
Carson, Miss Hattie G., 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba	Cuba
Case, Miss Esther, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Christine, Miss Emma, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
Churchill, Miss Anne, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Claiborne, Miss Elizabeth, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China	China
Combs, Miss Bessie Bell, Sungkiang, China	China
Cooper, Miss Kate, Wonsan, Korea	Korea
Cunningham, Miss Charley M., Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico	Mexico
Drake, Miss Nell D., Sungkiang, China	China
Edwards, Miss Laura, Choon Chun, Korea	Korea
Elerding, Miss Amelia, Rua Immigrantes 151, Sao Paulo, Brazil	Brazil
Epps, Miss Leila F., Collegio Mineiro, Juiz de Fora, Brazil	Brazil
Erwin, Miss Cordelia, Songdo, Korea	Korea
Fenley, Miss Mamie, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
Ferguson, Miss Lydia, Rua Marquez de Abrantes 152, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Brazil
Ford, Miss Sue, Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico	Mexico
Foster, Miss Tommie, Changchow, China	China

Name and Address.	Country.
Fox, Miss Lillie F., La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Gaither, Mrs. Julia A., Sungkiang, China	China
Glenn, Miss Layona, Rua Marquez de Abrantes 152, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Brazil
Graham, Miss Agnes Elise	Korea
Green, Miss Alice, Changchow, China	China
Hankins, Miss Ida, Seoul, Korea	Korea
Hardie, Miss Bessie, Seoul, Korea	Korea
Hardie, Miss Eva, Seoul, Korea	Korea
Harper, Miss Lucy, Apartado 50, Chihuahua, Mexico	Mexico
Harris, Mrs. S. S., Soochow, China	China
Hayes, Miss Edith, Soochow, China	China
Hedstrom, Miss Caroline	China
Henderson, Miss Lucy, Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, Brazil	Brazil
Hendon, Miss Flora, Soochow, China	China
Hickman, Miss Hellen, Rua Marquez de Abrantes 152, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Brazil
Hixson, Miss May, 21 Hangkow Road, Shanghai, China	China
Hooper, Miss Frankie, Apartado 77, Saltillo, Mexico	Mexico
Howell, Miss Blanche, Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, Brazil	Brazil
Howell, Miss Virginia, Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil	Brazil
Hyde, Miss Eva Louise, Collegio Mineiro, Juiz de Fora, Brazil	Brazil
Jackson, Miss Carrie Una, Choon Chun, Korea	Korea
Jarrett, Miss Rachel, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
Johnston, Miss Helen, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
Jones, Miss Alma E., Durango, Mexico	Mexico
Kenney, Miss Maggie Lee, Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil	Brazil
King, Miss Irene S., Sungkiang, China	China
Lamb, Miss Elizabeth, Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre, Brazil	Brazil
Lester, Miss Emma S., Soochow, China	China
Leveritt, Miss Ella D., Changchow, China	China
Love, Dr. Hattie F., Soochow, China	China
Markey, Miss Belle, Matanzas, Cuba	Cuba
Martin, Miss Nevada, Soochow, China	China
Massey, Miss Mary E., Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico	Mexico
McCaughan, Miss Ethel	Mexico
Mitchell, Miss Laura V.	China
Moling, Miss Frances B., Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico	Mexico
Myers, Miss Mary D., Seoul, Korea	Korea
Nichols, Miss Lillian E., Seoul, Korea	Korea
Norville, Miss Hardynia, Laredo, Tex.	Texas
Noyes, Miss Alice Dean, Wonsan, Korea	Korea
O'Beirne, Mrs. Nellie, Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico	Mexico

Name and Address.	Country.
Oliver, Miss Bessie, Choon Chun, Korea	Korea
Otis, Miss Dora, Soochow, China	China
Owings, Miss Mae, Seoul, Korea	Korea
Park, Miss Clara, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China	China
Park, Miss Edith, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City....	Mexico
Peacock, Miss Nettie, Sungkiang, China	China
Perkinson, Miss Eliza, Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil....	Brazil
Pescud, Miss Mary, Collegio Americano, Petropolis, Brazil....	Brazil
Pierson, Miss Johnnie, Apartado 103, Durango, Mexico.....	Mexico
Polk, Dr. Ethel, Soochow, China	China
Pyle, Miss Marthe, Soochow, China	China
Rankin, Miss Lochie, Huchow, China, via Shanghai.....	China
Reed, Miss Lillie M., Songdo, Korea	Korea
Richardson, Miss Helen Lee, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China...	China
Richmond, Miss Trulie, Caixa 454, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.....	Brazil
Roberts, Miss Lelia, Apartado 77, Saltillo, Mexico	Mexico
Rogers, Miss Maggie J., Soochow, China	China
Ruff, Miss Agnes, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba	Cuba
Schalch, Miss Sophia, Piracicaba, Brazil	Brazil
Shaffer, Miss Ida, Collegio Mineiro, Juiz de Fora, Brazil.....	Brazil
Shelton, Miss Mittie, Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Simpson, Miss Margaret, Caixa 454, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Brazil
Smith, Miss Bertha A., Seoul, Korea	Korea
Smith, Miss Sarah J., Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Steel, Miss Miriam, Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, Brazil....	Brazil
Steger, Miss Clara, Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Stradley, Miss Jennie, Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil.	Brazil
Stradley, Miss Lily A., Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil.	Brazil
Summers, Miss Laura V., Songdo, Korea	Korea
Tarrant, Miss Mary M., Soochow, China	China
Tinsley, Miss Hortense, Songdo, Korea	Korea
Toland, Miss Rebecca, Matanzas, Cuba	Cuba
Treadwell, Miss May, Durango, Mexico	Mexico
Troy, Miss Nina, Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Tucker, Miss Bertha, Wonsan, Korea	Korea
Tuttle, Miss Leila Judson, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China....	China
Tydings, Miss Ellie B., La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Varner, Miss Minnie, Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico.....	Mexico
Wagner, Miss Ellasue, Songdo, Korea	Korea
Wales, Miss Theodosia, Soochow, China	China
Warne, Miss Sara E., Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba, Brazil..	Brazil
Wasson, Miss Julia, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai, China	China
Waters, Miss Alice G., Sungkiang, China	China

Name and Address.	Country.
Watkins, Miss Janie, Soochow, China	China
Webb, Miss Blanche	Brazil
Webster, Miss Margaret C., Cuba	Cuba
White, Miss Mary Culler, Soochow, China	China
White, Miss Mary Lou, Huchow, China, via Shanghai	China
Wilson, Miss Bessie Lee, La Ribera de San Cosme No. 8, Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico
Wilson, Miss Lizzie, Apartado 50, Chihuahua, Mexico	Mexico
Wright, Miss Laura V., Instituto Colon, Guadalajara, Mexico.....	Mexico

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Hendry, Miss Madge, Soochow, China	China
Lee, Miss Laura, Apartado 46, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	Mexico
Stubbs, Miss Bessie, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba.....	Cuba

Field of Work.

CHINA.

Year.	Name and Former Address.	Conference Society.
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin, Milan, Tenn.	Memphis
1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson, Rock Mills, Ala.	North Alabama
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson, St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters, Murray, Ky.	Memphis
1892.	Miss Marthe E. Pyle, Roscoe, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1892.	Miss Mildred B. Bomar, Marshall, Tex.	East Texas
1892.	Mrs. Julia Gaither, Oxford, Ga.	North Georgia
1894.	Miss Clara Steger, Mountain Grove, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt, High Shoals, Ga.	North Georgia
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Galveston, Tex.	Texas
1901.	Miss Ida Anderson, Jackson, Miss.	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Hawkinsville, Ga.	South Georgia
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins, Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Marlin, Tex.	Texas
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis
1905.	Miss Irene S. King, St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock, Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White, Norfolk, Va.	Virginia
1906.	Miss Emma S. Lester, Augusta, Ga.	North Georgia
1907.	Miss Nell D. Drake, Port Gibson, Miss.	Mississippi
1907.	Mrs. S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla.	Florida
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, Creek, Miss.	North Mississippi
1909.	Miss Tommie Foster, Tchula, Miss.	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Clara Park, Sandersville, Ga.	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Leila Judson Tuttle, Morganton, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Sarah J. Smith, Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1910.	Miss Margaret Beadle, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1910.	Miss Nevada Martin, Pelahatchie, Miss.	Mississippi
1910.	Miss Dora Otis, Hopkins, Mo.	Missouri
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton, Stamford, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Annie Clare Bradshaw, Lynch, Va.	Virginia
1911.	Miss Bessie Bell Combs, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1912.	Dr. Ethel Polk, Kansas	South Georgia

Year.	Name and Former Address.	Conference Society.
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales, Binghamton, N. Y.	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Goldston, N. C.	North Carolina
1912.	Miss Nina Troy, Greensboro, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Herndon, Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes, Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead, Winston-Salem, N. C.	

Western North Carolina

1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Gray Court, S. C.	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Lela Bliler, Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Dr. Hattie F. Love, Sweetwater, Tenn.	Holston
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell, Arcadia, Fla.	Florida
1913.	Miss Caroline Hedstrom, Montclair, N. J.	
1913.	Miss May Hixson, Augusta, Ga.	North Georgia

KOREA.

1887.	Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Franklin, W. Va.	Holston
1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin, Dexter, Ky.	Memphis
1906.	Miss Mary D. Myers, Ashburn, Ga.	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Lillian E. Nichols, Jesup, Ga.	Florida
1908.	Miss Kate Cooper, Douglasville, Ga.	North Georgia
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie, Caseyville, Miss.	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Laura Edwards, Hereford, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Lexington, Ga.	North Georgia
1910.	Miss Bertha A. Smith, Marshall, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Arlington, Ky.	Memphis
1911.	Miss Bertha Tucker, Crawfordsville, Ga.	North Georgia
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Wilmington, N. C.	North Carolina
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Americus, Ga.	South Georgia
1911.	Miss Lillie M. Reed, Ada, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1911.	Miss Mattie M. Barker, Warsaw, Ky.	Kentucky
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Unadilla, Ga.	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C.	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Comanche, Tex.	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul, Korea	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie, Seoul, Korea	South Georgia

BRAZIL.

1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding, Napierville, Ill.	South Georgia
1894.	Miss Layona Glenn, Conyers, Ga.	North Georgia
1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson, Salisbury, Mo.	Missouri
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley, Granbury, Tex.	Central Texas
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrollton, Mo.	Missouri
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud, Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina
1901.	Miss Helen Johnston, Opelousas, La.	Louisiana
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell, Morganton, N. C. ...	Western North Carolina
1903.	Miss Emma Christine, Ferguson, Mo.	St. Louis
1905.	Mrs. Fannie Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.	Holston
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Lamb, Fayetteville, N. C.	North Carolina
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1908.	Miss Mamie Fenley, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil	Brazil
1908.	Miss Trulie Richmond, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Hellen Hickman, Sherman, Tex.	North Texas
1909.	Miss Sara E. Warne, Santa Ana, Cal.	Los Angeles

Year.	Name and Former Address.	Conference Society.
1910.	Miss Virginia Howell, Prescott, Ark.	Little Rock
1910.	Miss Miriam Steel, Brownwood, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Texarkana, Tex.	Texas
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Kingstree, S. C.	South Carolina
1911.	Miss Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo.	St. Louis
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson, Belton, Tex.	Central Texas
1911.	Miss Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Piracicaba, Brazil	
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde, Salisbury, Mo.	Missouri
1912.	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Lucy Henderson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley, Sweetwater, Tenn.	Holston
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Huntsville, Ala.	North Alabama
1913.	Miss Blanche Webb, Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston

MEXICO.

1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts, Palo Pinto, Tex.	North Texas
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson, Newport, Ky.	Kentucky
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings, Anthony, Fla.	Florida
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper, Georgetown, Tex.	Central Texas
1894.	Miss Esther Case, Batesville, Ark.	White River
1896.	Miss Edith Park, Galveston, Tex.	Texas
1897.	Miss Laura V. Wright, Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore
1897.	Miss Anne Churchill, Georgetown, Tex.	Central Texas
1899.	Miss Frances B. Moling, McCall, Mo.	Missouri
1900.	Miss Sue Ford, Paris, Ky.	Kentucky
1901.	Miss May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga.	North Georgia
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss.	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Alma E. Jones, Webb City, Mo.	Missouri
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey, Iuka, Miss.	North Mississippi
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne, Zwolle, La.	Louisiana
1909.	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner, Greensboro, Ala.	Alabama
1909.	Miss Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Maria Wightman Capers, Charleston, S. C.	South Carolina
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter, Zora, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Miss Clara Beverly Cain, Irvington, Ky.	Louisville
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1912.	Miss Charley M. Cunningham, Lindsay, Cal.	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson, College Grove, Tenn.	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox, Lexington, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango, Mexico	South Georgia

CUBA.

1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland, Chapel Hill, Tex.	Texas
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson, Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia
1902.	Miss Belle Markey, Lake Butler, Fla.	Florida
1907.	Miss Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C.	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Margaret C. Webster, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

1908.	Miss Laura Lee, Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1910.	Miss Bessie Stubbs, Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia
1911.	Miss Madge Hendry, Huchow, China	

**Missionaries Sent Out by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but Not Now
Active in the Service.**

Ap- pointed.	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.
1879..	Miss Dora Rankin*.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.
1881..	Miss Annie Williams†.....	Chapel Hill, Tex.....	Texas.
1881..	Miss Mattie Watts*.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.
1882..	Miss Anna J. Muse†.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1882..	Miss Blanche Gilbert.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.
1882..	Miss Sarah Buford.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1883..	Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	Latonia, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1883..	Miss Mattie B. Jones.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1883..	Miss Jennie C. Wolf.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.
1884..	Miss Laura A. Haygood*.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1884..	Miss Dona Hamilton*.....	Paris, Tex.....	North Texas.
1884..	Miss Mildred M. Philips, M.D.†	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.
1884..	Miss Lou E. Philips.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.
1884..	Miss Mary W. Bruce†.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.
1887..	Miss Emma E. Kerr†.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.
1887..	Miss Kate R. Roberts*.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.
1887..	Miss Addie F. Gordon*.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Elizabeth Hughes.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Lula H. Lipscomb*.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1887..	Miss Ada Reagan†.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.
1887..	Miss Marcia Marvin*.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1888..	Miss Augusta V. Wilson*.....	Charlestown, W. Va....	Baltimore.
1888..	Miss Mary McClellan†.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1888..	Miss Ella Granbery†.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1889..	Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss A. Clara Chrisman*.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1889..	Miss Ella Yarrell*.....	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.
1889..	Miss Lida Howell*.....	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss Flora Baker*.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1889..	Miss Lula Ross.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.
1889..	Miss Sallie M. Philips.....	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.
1890..	Miss Mattie Dorsey†.....	Charlestown, W. Va....	Baltimore.
1890..	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.
1890..	Miss May Littleton Smithey*.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.
1890..	Miss Mary Turner†.....	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1890..	Miss Kate P. Fannin†.....	Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida.
1891..	Miss Mollie F. Brown.....	Austin, Tex.....	Texas.
1891..	Miss Kate C. McFarren*.....	Durango, Mex.....	New Jersey.
1892..	Miss Delia Holding.....	Latonia, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1892..	Miss Sue P. Blake†.....	Miccosukee, Fla.....	Florida.
1892..	Miss Emma Gary†.....	Elberton, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1892..	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds†.....	Columbia, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1892..	Miss Alice Moore.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1892..	Miss Susan Littlejohn†.....	Pacolet, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1892..	Miss Bessie Moore†.....	Savannah, Tenn.....	Tennessee.
1892..	Miss Anne Walter, M.D.†.....	Holly Springs, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1894..	Miss Ella Coffey†.....	Long Mountain, Va.....	Virginia.

* Deceased.

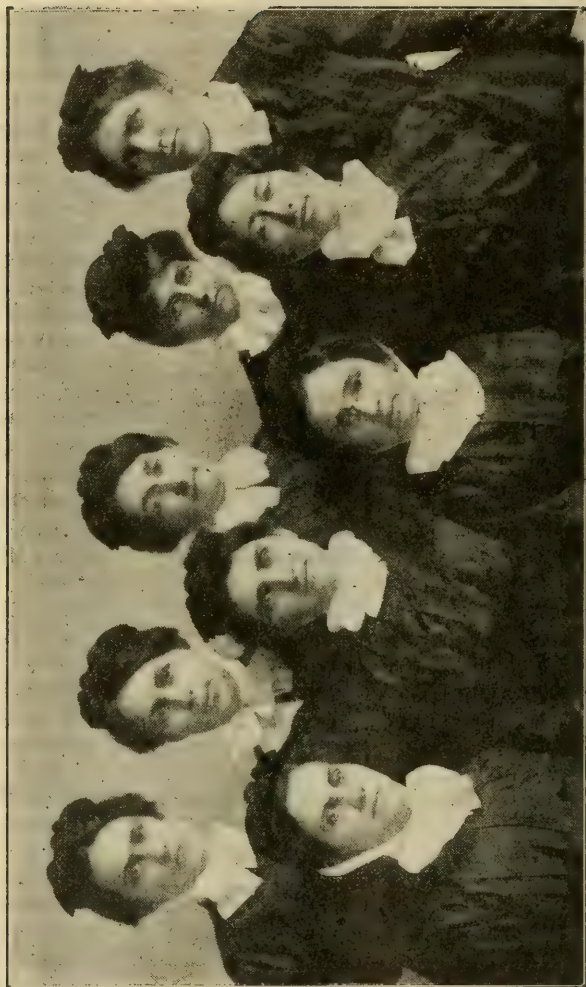
† Married.

Missionaries Sent Out by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, but Not Now Active in the Service (Continued).

Ap- pointed	NAME.	Former Residence.	Conference Society.
1895..	Miss Willie Bowman†.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Missouri.
1895..	Miss May Umberger†.....	Wytheville, Va.....	Holston.
1895..	Miss Viola Blackburn.....	Holly Springs, Miss....	North Mississippi.
1896..	Miss Lizzie Martin†.....	Chapel Hill, N. C.....	North Carolina.
1896..	Miss Johnnie Sanders†.....	Union, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1896..	Dr. Margaret H. Polk.....	Perryville, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1897..	Miss Susie E. Williams†.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	Los Angeles.
1897..	Miss Mary L. Richardson*....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.
1897..	Miss Leonora D. Smith†.....	Electric, Ala.....	Alabama.
1898..	Miss Fannie Hinds†.....	Mt. Sterling, Ky.....	Kentucky.
1899..	Miss Arrena Carroll †.....	Mt. Crawford, Va.....	Baltimore.
1899..	Miss Lela McNemar.....	Edwards, Miss.....	Mississippi.
1899..	Miss Clara B. Fullerton.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.
1900..	Miss Sadie Harbaugh†.....	Washington, D. C.....	Baltimore.
1900..	Miss Elizabeth Davis†.....	Durham, N. C.....	North Carolina.
1900..	Miss Alice Griffith†.....	Marion, Ky.....	Louisville.
1900..	Miss June Nicholson*.....	Edgefield, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1900..	Miss Mollie Cessna.....	Utica, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1901..	Miss Maidee Smith.....	Lagrange, Ga.....	North Georgia.
1901..	Miss Orien Alexander†.....	Brookfield, Mo.....	Missouri.
1901..	Miss Mary Knowles†.....	Macon, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1901..	Miss Ida May Stewart†.....	Leesburg, Fla.....	Florida.
1901..	Miss Lily Whitman.....	Eupora, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1901..	Miss Ellen B. Carney.....	Plant City, Fla.....	Florida.
1901..	Miss Della V. Wright.....	Anderson, S. C.....	South Carolina.
1901..	Miss Norwood E. Wynn.....	Dallas, Tex.....	North Texas.
1902..	Miss Josephine Hounshell†....	Corinth, Va.....	Holston.
1903..	Miss Loula M. Norville.....	Livingston, Ala.....	Alabama.
1903..	Miss Ara Riggins.....	Pasadena, Cal.....	Los Angeles.
1904..	Miss Ada Parker.....	New Orleans, La.....	Louisiana.
1905..	Miss Mattie M. Ivey.....	Calvert, Tex.....	Texas.
1906..	Miss Eleanor D. Dye†.....	Evansville, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1906..	Miss Sophia Manns*.....	Mexia, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1907..	Dr. Emily Runyon.....	Richmond, Va.....	Virginia.
1907..	Miss Ruby Kendrick*.....	Plano, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1907..	Miss Martha Ivie Batey †.....	Murfreesboro, Tenn....	Tennessee.
1907..	Miss Ruby Lilly †.....	Quitman, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1907..	Miss Augusta May Dye †.....	Plano, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.
1907..	Miss Emma I. Steger †.....	Mountain Grove, Mo....	Southwest Missouri.
1908..	Miss Kate Smallwood.....	New Albany, Miss.....	North Mississippi.
1908..	Miss Bessie Houser †.....	Perry, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1908..	Miss Daisy Pyles.....	Juiz de Fora, Brazil....	Brazil.
1908..	Miss Mary F. Johnstone.....	Dawson, Ga.....	South Georgia.
1909..	Miss Martha Nutt.....	Granbury, Tex.....	Central Texas.
1909..	Miss Valeria Vollmer †.....	Porto Alegre, Brazil....	Brazil.
1909..	Miss Elsie Lowe†.....	Midlothian, Tex.....	Central Texas.

*Deceased.

‡ Married.



DEACONESES APPOINTED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF INSTITUTIONS.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

SUE BENNETT SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.—J. C. LEWIS, PRESIDENT.

Established 1892.

I beg to submit the seventeenth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

This report covers the year beginning January 1 and closing December 31. Heretofore the school year closed April 1; but since the Woman's Missionary Council has made the calendar year its time unit, the school has followed suit. The change has caused this year's report to overlap the last quarter of that for last year.

The school property consists of one administration building, two dormitories, one hall in which the music department and coöperative kitchen and dining room are housed, the residence of the President, eight cottages, two barns, a campus of fifteen acres, and the school farm of one hundred acres. The plant, estimated on what it would cost to reproduce it, is worth about eighty thousand dollars.

The school is in a healthy condition, and is earnestly trying to adapt itself to the changing educational and economic needs of the community while contributing liberally to its industrial, mental, and moral upbuilding.

The Sue Bennett Memorial includes five schools: High School, Commercial School, Normal School, School of Music, and Graded School. The enrollment in these schools was as follows: High School, 69; Commercial School, 29; Normal School, 173; School of Music, 192; Graded School, 170. Total, 633. Total enrollment for the year, counting each student once, was 424.

The amount of fees collected was \$6,986.65, of which \$6,844.25 was sent to the General Treasurer.

Sixteen teachers were employed and a high order of classroom work was done. The discipline was excellent.

We introduced two new features into our school work the past year. One was the keeping of our normal or teaching-training department open the year round instead of for five months, and the other the opening of what we call a coöperative kitchen and dining room. Both of these changes have proved satisfactory, especially the latter. Students are now able to meet all the cost of board and lodging, including heat and light, by an outlay of about seven dollars per month. We think we have solved the problem of cheap living.

The school is distinctively Christian, and plants itself squarely on Christian principles and practice. Each student is enrolled in a Bible class, and every year we find it true that "the entrance of thy word giveth light."

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. C. H. TROWBRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

Established 1903.

Purpose.

Brevard Institute is designed to furnish accurate training of high school grade, along practical lines, to worthy and needy girls and

boys, and to give this training under strong Christian influences. It never expects to do college work; it is not a reform school; it is not intended for the prosperous. It strives to operate those departments which will best serve this purpose, and to conduct them in the manner which will most help its pupils.

Departments.

In working out this plan it operates seven departments: academic, normal, music, commercial, agriculture, domestic art, and household economics. In every department every effort is made to insist upon accuracy and thoroughness. In every department the instruction gained through the eye is supplemented, as much as possible, by that gained through the hand. The theoretical and practical are constantly harnessed together. The girls do all the housework, a good deal of the sewing, and some of the teaching. The boys do a large part of the farming, the electrical work, and the plumbing. To a large extent the older students have responsibility placed upon them. They take their turns as assistant housekeepers or farm foremen, as the case may be. This experience, added to that gained in the Christian association, the literary and debating societies, and the athletic association, is developing an unusually capable and independent class of high school graduates. The academic department is classified as a B class academy among our Methodist Church schools, but is really doing more work than that, and will apply for A class registration before another year. The graduates of the various vocational departments are in demand more and more throughout this section of the country, and are already, in some cases, occupying positions of considerable responsibility.

Equipment.

The school property consists of about twenty acres of ground in the corporate limits of Brevard, which is a progressive village of about one thousand people. The campus contains the school building, which is also the girls' dormitory, five cottages, two barns, and a shop. The agricultural department is rapidly building up the soil, until now it is fairly productive. In a short time the ten acres in cultivation should help a good deal with the expense of the boarding department. The fact that nearly all recitations are conducted in the girls' dormitory is necessarily a great drawback, but this will be obviated when the new administration building has been opened for use.

Enrollment.

The enrollment for the first half of the school year 1912-13 is 186, which includes 122 boarding pupils and 64 day students. Of the boarding students, 30 are boys. This enrollment for the half year is greater than that for any full year since the local graded school was opened. The students are nearly all earnest and industrious, and a large per cent of them are earning part or all of their expenses.

Opportunities.

The school is situated in a section where it has practically no competition in its field limited by the bounds described in the first paragraph of this paper. This being true, the number of students enrolled practically depends upon the amount of advertising done. The institute is already drawing quite largely from neighboring States, and it

seems probable that as many pupils can be obtained and benefited as we prepare to accommodate. As the burden of this kind of education is so largely upon us in this section, it is hoped that we may be able speedily to supply more fully the demand for Christian vocational training.

Needs.

The rapid increase in the number of boys and the number of cottage dormitories has demanded considerable expenditures for furnishings, and has necessitated a disproportionately large increase in expenditures for the past year. Probably this heavy expense will not be necessary soon again, but the enlarged plant cannot be maintained at the maintenance cost of the original campus. The school has heretofore been conducted with thirty-minute recitations, but it is almost impossible to do satisfactory work with shorter periods than forty minutes, and it is quite important that the academic faculty be increased sufficiently to permit lengthening of the recitation time for the next year. Having all the recitations in the girls' dormitory is, of course, a serious handicap, since the number of boys has become considerable. The old building is very much overcrowded in almost every corner. For example, the chapel has accommodations for ninety students, but contains a hundred and twelve.

Prospects.

The new building will solve a large part of the difficulties. With another teacher the work now attempted will be much more efficient, and the course can be extended to prepare for entrance to the best colleges. A department of Christian work, coördinate with the classical and normal departments, can be organized almost entirely from courses now being offered and with but little additional teaching force.

In every way the prospects are bright for whatever extension the Council may desire to make in the activities of this established Christian vocational school.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, THOMASVILLE, GA.

E. E. Bishop, Principal.

Established 1903.

The number of teachers, including the Principal, is eight, who are distributed as follows: One superintendent, two literary teachers, two industrial teachers, one matron, one assistant matron, and one office assistant, who also assists in classes.

The departments carried on are four in number: two literary and two industrial departments.

The Primary School extends through the fifth grade. The Primary Industrial School gives elementary industrial work, such as sweeping, sample sewing, basketry, etc. The Grammar School embraces the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The Grammar Industrial School consists of theory and practice in garment-making, dressmaking, housework, cookery, etc. The number of students enrolled in the Grammar School is fifty-seven; the number enrolled in the Primary School, sixty-five.

The total enrollment is one hundred and twenty-two. This includes all girls who were in school from January 1, 1912, to December 31 of

the same year, and it contains the names of those who went out last vacation. The attendance, which is limited by our accommodations, is about eighty-five.

The amount of money paid by the General Treasurer for current expenses was \$7,176. The amount paid by students for tuition was \$2,304. The amount paid to the school by friends was \$3,120, the greater part of which was pledges made to us by the South Georgia Conference. The total cost of maintaining the school was \$12,600.

The money expended on the purchase of lots, furniture, building, etc., amounted to about \$1,000. However, \$505.63 of this was the balance of indebtedness which we owed on the purchase of the property. The additional \$500 was spent chiefly in moving and rebuilding three cottages so as to make them available for our use.

We have no outstanding debts, except current obligations at the wholesale houses, which are usually met monthly. We have been in the habit of running behind during the school year and paying out of debt during the vacation months, when, our teachers being absent and expenses much lightened, we are enabled to get even again.

The past year has been, I think, the best we have had in every respect. The girls and teachers have worked harmoniously. There has been a good religious influence manifested throughout the year, and the industrial and literary work has been better arranged, better systematized than in the past. Finances also have been easier. Our farm, dairy, etc., are now in a better position to help defray expenses than before.

Our health continues remarkably good. Not a single serious disorder has threatened any of our girls. The doctor has been a rare visitor.

The girls, as a rule, have developed well, and those who went out during last vacation have conducted themselves admirably. Most of them reentered schools in the fall, working to pay their expenses; so that, in addition to the girls here, we have Vashti girls in the following institutions: Three in LaGrange College, one in South Georgia College, one in Sparks Collegiate Institute, one in Andrews College, one in Brevard, besides three in hospitals, one in Atlanta and two in Savannah, taking nurses' training.

The girls we have do not give the Principal of the school so much concern as those we are obliged to reject. We receive almost three hundred applications per year, and reject about nine-tenths of them for lack of room and means. The following letter is a typical appeal:

"Prof. E. E. Bishop, Thomasville, Ga.

"My Dear Professor Bishop: I am writing you in regard to a girl living in our Settlement House district for whom I see no hope unless you can take her—a girl of fifteen years, bright, full of energy, and attractive in appearance. The father is dead, and the mother is wholly incompetent to begin to understand or manage this wayward child. Of incorrigible manner, she has chosen her own companions, gone from bad to worse, until, suspended from school, she has refused to go back and habitually wanders the streets. The girl has never come to our clubs and classes at the Settlement with any regularity; therefore we have not been able to get much hold on her, but I have only enough to persuade her to come to you, and the miserable little thing seems anxious. Unless we Christian workers do something quickly, I know she is going to the bottom soon. There is no place in the State for her like Vashti. She isn't a fit subject for the reformatory; a rescue home isn't the place. So please let us save her now.

"I know full well your limitations. I know the applications you must turn away. I know the appeals unto which you cannot listen. But there is no other Christian worker in touch with this child but myself; there is absolutely no place I can send her but to Vashti; and unless you can manage in some way to take her now, she will be an inmate of the restricted district in six months. I saw her early last evening downtown, talking with a vile-looking man at least ten years her senior.

"As her Sunday school teacher I once looked on and saw Mamie — drifting the wrong way, unable, as in this case, to help because of her environment; and I know what Vashti has done for Mamie. Again, I came to this town just in time to see how rapidly Callie — was going in a dangerous path, and every time now that her sisters give me the encouraging news of her improvement my heart swells with gratitude for a place like our Vashti.

"Mr. Bishop, can you not *make* room in this extreme case for one more, and let me bring this dear girl? She is not so bad. Easily influenced, with an absorbing love of what she thinks beautiful, she needs only to be lovingly guarded and her mind filled with something to do.

"I await anxiously your reply, and can make any arrangement if you will only take her.

"Very sincerely, _____, *Deaconess.*"

The above letter presents the need of the Vashti Home very concretely and as graphically, perhaps, as it could well be done in writing. If you sign about two hundred names to that letter, making it stand for that many similar cases, you have an idea of the volume of the most pressing petitions we receive annually; reject nine out of ten applications, and you have the situation as we have it at Vashti.

Such unprotected girls as described in the letter are numerous. It is estimated that fifty thousand girls go astray annually in the United States; and if we have our proportion, sixteen thousand Southern girls are led into haunts of vice every year, and twelve thousand of these, according to the conclusion of the Rockefeller Commission, might be prevented with ordinary protection.

To care for these twelve thousand girls as we do here would require four hundred institutions as large as Vashti Home, and the cost of support alone would be four millions of dollars per annum. Girls seem to be one of our cheapest live-stock products. The United States government is now prosecuting a firm of white slavers, accused of delivering four hundred girls to Chicago dives at from twenty-five to thirty dollars per head.

It is probable that the South is the safest and best field for the white slaver, because our laws are so lax and protective agencies so few. In Georgia a girl can consent to her own ruin at fourteen, and the maximum penalty for persuading her to leave her home is only one year on the chain gang. Stealing a hog would receive a greater penalty. The age of consent should be not less than eighteen and the penalty of the white slavers not less than a life sentence.

The Rockefeller Commission of experts mentioned have been collecting information of social conditions in New York City for the past year or more, and report that over three-fourths of the women in haunts of vice of that city are there from lax protection rather than from choice.

If every girl in our country could be safely tided over her early teens

for a single generation, the social evil would be obliterated, or at least brought under control. It seems to me that a federation of all women's societies for the special protection of girls is desirable.

Special attention should certainly be given to the study of the question and plans devised to meet the situation. Prevention by protection and training of neglected children is the only solution of our social evil.

Vashti is valuable to you chiefly as an experiment. It has shown, first, that there are a multitude of girls destined to destruction and to that of the community to which they drift if they are not protected. It shows, further, that when given the training they need they make capable women.

Vashti has done good work from the very beginning. One hundred and fifty girls have been sent out into the world at the age of eighteen, and nearly all have stood the test by resisting bad influences. Nearly one hundred more are now in training; but one thousand applicants have been refused through lack of room and funds, and there comes the rub. As your societies are not financially strong enough to accomplish much in the way of relief as compared to the need, even though you devoted your entire income to this work, some other means must be sought.

Looking at the situation from the viewpoint of the institution alone, I would say: Providing extensive accommodations and better equipment. But as the best you can do in this way is but a drop in the bucket, I am led to believe that some more practical means should be pursued. The State should be interested through the awakening of public sentiment; but as public sentiment must be preceded by public information, a special educational campaign on this subject would seem to be essential.

A few spontaneous subscriptions have been made by citizens of Thomasville for a new building at Vashti, and many will be available if such a plan is put on foot. It seems to me, however, that a survey of the field should first be made, and then plans more adequate in their scope should be formulated.

THE VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON HOME FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS, DALLAS, TEX.

Mrs. O. M. Abbott, Principal.

During the year 1912 we have enrolled sixty-eight girls. Of the eleven who have gone out at the expiration of their two years, four have returned to their families, three are general domestic help, one is in nurse-training, and three are in school.

We have had to send three girls away on account of tubercular trouble, two on account of hopeless moral idiocy, and two because of insubordination. Two were also excused to go home, one to a mother all alone and gone totally blind, the other to a widowed mother left entirely alone. Three girls have gone out with their babies in their arms. In two of these cases the families thought they would be able to enforce marriage; but in both instances, as might have been foreseen, they failed. It is the rarest thing in the world that litigations amount to anything for the girl in question; but we always encourage the families to take up the matter of marriage or punishment, because we feel that men ought to realize their responsibility in this sin.

We have had thirty-two babies born in our hospital during the year and three brought here in their mothers' arms. We have had twenty-four adopted. Two little ones diseased from birth have died. We have had some unusually excellent homes opened to our babies this year.

We would call thoughtful attention to some facts appended in our physician's report. Her investigations include only the cases recorded since May, 1912. We have found significant connection between a girl's physical condition and her ability to improve mentally and morally. Relief from hookworm, for instance, has seemed to amount almost to spiritual as well as physical regeneration in some cases. We are trying to leave some records behind which may give some helpful sociological data to those who are trying to arrive at causes.

Nearly all our girls profess conversion and join the Church before the expiration of their two years with us. The larger number of them are not deficient in either mental or moral sense, but they have never had opportunity to be awakened before in either mind or soul. It seems hard that they could not have been awakened before this terrible blight fell upon them, for the new possibilities that they begin to perceive here are so much harder to attain now on account of society's brand upon them.

Receipts:

Balance on hand, 1911.....	\$ 512 96
Total from General Board, 1912.....	7,680 00
Total for girls' board and cash donations....	1,016 17
From Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	104 00—\$9,313 13

Disbursements:

Culinary department.....	\$2,059 37
Hospital	481 98
Laundry and mangle.....	144 08
Feed, fuel, and outside expenses.....	1,418 14
Housekeeping	48 89
Ice, gas, plumbing, lights, engine, repairs, telephone, telegraph, and other miscel- laneous expenses.....	1,392 42
Engineer	480 00
Teacher's salaries	3,350 00— 9,375 88
Deficit	\$ 62 75

Bills paid by Mrs. W. H. Johnson:

Repairing engine	\$105 40
Veterinary surgeon	10 00
Coal	361 00

Hospital Report, Dr. Carrie Smith.

Year 1912-13 (based on records of the last thirty cases admitted):

Number motherless, 8; number fatherless, 6; number orphans, 5; stepfather, 1; number stepmothers, 4; average number in family, 4; alcoholism, 6; immorality, 2; city, 8; country, 22; cases of incest, 3.

Facts about seducer: Occupation, mostly day laborers; married, 6; unmarried, 24; under twenty, 4; over twenty, 23; average age, 25; over thirty-five, 3; offers to marry, 3; professions of love in all but two, who claimed to have been drugged; money accepted, 3; money offered and refused, 7; litigations, 3; no sentences enforced.

Remarks: From the girls' own statements very few of the seducers have been intemperate in either drinking or smoking.

Education: Illiterate, 2; above sixth grade, 19; as far as sixth grade, 3; under sixth grade, 5; average schooling, sixth grade; instruction in sexual knowledge, 22 none, partial instruction 8.

Amusements: The girls seem to have no definite ideas of using their spare time. They often reply that they "put it in sleeping."

Health: Robust, 11; fair, 3; poor, 16. This includes chronic kidney troubles, syphilis, epilepsy, pelvic disorders.

Industry: Domestic, 4; mill, 1; farm, 10. Miscellaneous: Nurse, 1; milliners, 2; waitress, 1; school-teachers, 2; telephone operators, 5; laundry, 2.

Religion: Professed by 15.

Number of deliveries, 30; normal, 24; abnormal, 6; lacerated, 15; infants born alive, 27; deformed, 3; infants stillborn, 3 (all under seven months); infant mortality, 5 (including three stillborn, two syphilitic); infants infected with syphilis, 3; infants breast-fed, 27; infants bottle-fed, 3; normal puerpera, 30.

Physically defective: Adenoids and tonsils, 10; average height, 5 feet, 3 inches; average weight, 110 pounds; eyes, 15 defective; anemic, 5.

Mentally defective: 8.

Infection: Hookworm, 9; gonorrhea, 3; syphilis, 5.

Hypersexual: 8.

Average age of girls in institution, 17.

Report Editor King's Messenger and Financial Agent, January, 1912, to January, 1913.

Received on shares in stock company and reported

through the *King's Messenger* monthly.....\$2,028 00

Expenditures:

Check sent General Treasurer.....	\$1,200 00
Cows	123 00
Horse	104 00
Repairing engine.....	105 40
Coal	363 00
Instruments for operating room.....	100 00—
	1,995 40

Balance	\$ 32 60
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While many financial obligations have been met, our most valuable assets are the friends God has raised up for his Christlike cause. The Church, city commission, the press, the greatest business enterprises of city and State are our unfailing friends; so with faith we press forward, but the good being done will only be known when the books are opened at the last great day. As this work with its multitudinous problems can only be successfully managed by the wisest and most consecrated teachers, our Council has laid our gratitude under tribute by giving us a splendid faculty, to which Dr. Carrie W. Smith, as house physician, is an invaluable acquisition.

Trusting implicitly in God's providence and the wisdom of our Council, we have great plans for the future, and will continue to wage relentless warfare against the social evil, the blackest sin that curses this old earth; so pray, give, work with us, and God will do greater things in the future than we have yet witnessed.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Effie West in Charge.

Inaugurated 1903.

In June Miss Ellen Young, for so many years in charge of Paine Annex, resigned, and Mrs. Effie West was made dean of the industrial department of the college. She reports three teachers as head of three departments, teaching 35 girls to launder, 131 domestic science, 131 sewing. There were twenty-three girls boarding in the Annex. The Council expended \$2,437.03 in the maintenance of this plant during the fiscal year 1912.

Mrs. West writes as follows: "Coming in a perfect stranger, working with all new teachers, has made my work a little difficult. But by the help of God, with willing heart and hands, we are succeeding in doing good work. The boarding department owes a small debt of \$172 that we will pay as soon as students can pay back board, which has been delayed by the poor crops made by the farmers. We ask your prayers and aid for the new year's work."

EXTENSION WORK AMONG NEGROES.

MARY DE BARDELEBEN, DEACONESS, EXTENSION SECRETARY; MAMIE REAMES, DEACONESS, ASSOCIATE; MADELINE GASSETT, KINDERGARTNER.

Until the first of October the work done was almost altogether preparatory. Friends, both among the colored and white, were made. A Colored Civic Improvement League was organized and stimulated to service among the people. A class of young women, seniors in Paine College, were given a Normal Sunday School Course to make them more useful in their Churches on returning to their homes. Many visits were made in the needier homes. In the summer much time was spent on the three playgrounds for the more neglected children, these supervised playgrounds being made possible by the coöperation of the Colored Civic Improvement League and interested white women of the Methodist Churches, St. John and St. James.

At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, North Georgia Conference, on the recommendation of the Social Service Committee, a fund was appropriated for the establishment of a mission for negroes to be located in Augusta. This mission, Galloway Hall, is in a former near-beer saloon in the heart of the negro section. Here the usual activities of a Wesley House are carried on.

In writing of her work Miss Reames says: "I wish you could peep into Galloway Hall on Tuesday afternoon between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock and see our boys. There are twenty-six of them, organized with their President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. From several names presented they chose 'Excelsior,' with colors blue and gold, and for a motto, 'Truth and Purity.' The club has its constitution and rules. These rules they drew up themselves, one rule being 'a five-cent fine for smoking or bad language.' They make their own program, assisted by the leader, and the program of each meeting is read before the club one week beforehand. Later on we intend taking up some civic feature, such as being responsible for the cleanliness of the block around the hall. Purity of mind and heart is emphasized and the fact that they are the 'men of to-morrow.' A

word must be said of our industrial class. In this thirty-six girls from ten to sixteen are enrolled and very regular in attendance. They are learning how to sew, and one thought emphasized is, 'Carefulness in the little things, even in stitches.' The Mothers' Club meets only once a month. They are so busy they cannot attend regularly, so we feel that one full meeting a month is better than one or two mothers four times a month."

In the report of her kindergarten Miss Gassett, a young woman trained in Atlanta University, says: "Our kindergarten opened the 1st of October, 1912, with four little children. For six weeks we were in suspense, for we did not know where we were going to be permanently located. We at last secured a small store in the very midst of the people whom we wish to reach. We have an enrollment of thirty-one, with an average attendance of twenty-six. Our building is almost too small to accommodate us. The children are very interesting and seem to enjoy coming to the kindergarten. One little girl said: 'Please don't close now; let us stay a little while longer.' Our kindergarten now is just a beginning; we are going to have one of the best and largest in the State of Georgia. We hope by our training that they will make useful citizens that will be an honor to their community."

On Sunday afternoon a model elementary Sunday school (as nearly as we can approach a model, being handicapped for lack of room) is under the immediate supervision of Miss Gassett, the kindergartner, assisted by the students from the training class at Paine. Here by the use of graded literature, kindergarten chairs, handwork, and songs adapted to childhood we are trying to have a department that will be an example worthy of imitation by the colored Churches of Augusta.

We also assist a Sunday school in a neighboring colored church. Beginning with seven, this school now numbers approximately sixty. Here also students of the normal class get practical lessons in actual work as teachers under supervision.

The children's story hour, when once a week twenty-five or more eager little faces look up into ours, is a constant source of joy. We feel that we can say: "The first colored social settlement in Southern Methodism is an established fact, and its work and influence are surely steadily growing." In another year the present building will not suffice. Nothing short of a well-equipped three-story building will satisfy the demands of the work.

Statistical Report of Extension Work among Negroes, January-December, 1912.

Conferences visited (both white and colored).....	12
Classes taught in Sunday school.....	109
Meetings addressed.....	62
Story hours with children.....	24
Boys' Club meetings.....	9
Girls' Club meetings (industrial).....	8
Civic Improvement League meetings attended.....	15
Institutions visited.....	15
Visits to colored fairs.....	4
Visits to churches.....	4
Hours spent in kindergarten.....	150
Visits made in homes.....	448
Children enrolled in kindergarten.....	31
Average attendance.....	25

Industrial classes.....	36
In Boys' Club.....	26
In Sabbath school.....	60
In Paine College Sabbath school class.....	7
In Paine College normal classes*.....	32
In story hour.....	23

FLORIDA COAST WORK.

RUTH HARGROVE INSTITUTE, KEY WEST, FLA.

Prof. A. W. Mohn, Principal.

Established 1900.

I have the honor to submit the thirteenth annual report of the Ruth Hargrove Institute, covering the period from January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913.

Four schools were maintained: the Preparatory School, the School of Business, the School of Music, and the Cuban Subschool. The faculty numbered eighteen—the Principal and seventeen assistants, divided by departments as follows: Academic, 3; intermediate, 2; primary, 4; kindergarten, 1; Cuban subschool, 1; music, 3; business, 2; home, 1. Thorough classroom work was done, and the discipline was good. The standards maintained were high, the spirit progressive. To illustrate: four of our last seven graduates are or have been in college and have made excellent records, and the remaining three are now planning college courses. The work we offer is that of a junior college. In addition to the class work, the teachers made many visits to present and prospective patrons.

The enrollment was 758 (the highest on record), divided by schools as follows: Preparatory, 502; School of Business, 108; School of Music, 85; Cuban Subschool, 63. This enrollment makes ours the "largest private school in Florida."

The tuition fees amounted to \$5,200.83, of which amount \$2,100.46 was remitted to the General Treasurer. The difference was expended on local bills. Many improvements were made during this period. All frame buildings (four) were painted, and the old administration building, Ruth Hargrove Hall, was remodeled, papered, refurnished, and converted into a girls' dormitory. The total cost of the above improvements was \$4,850.37, of which amount \$1,750 was received from the General Treasurer.

No new work was enterprised, but the usual activities were continued. The Mothers' Club met regularly with a splendid attendance. The enrollment is over 100. The Choral Society met each week with good results. During commencement week a public concert was given, a number of the choruses from "The Messiah" being sung. This society also furnished the music for our baccalaureate service. Our Cuban Sunday school was transferred to a near-by Methodist church, owing to lack of proper accommodations here. The attendance continues very good. The Institute Lyceum Course was well patronized, and has helped materially in making this a social center and in educating the people up to a higher standard in entertainments.

The outlook for the new year is very good. The enrollment promises to continue equal to our capacity, the income in tuition fees is

*This includes the class that graduated in May. Thirteen is the present enrollment.

constantly increasing, and the tone of the school socially and religiously is improving. Everything points to a splendid year. However, additional accommodations for day and boarding students should be provided. We have been turning students away for months in our primary and intermediate grades. Room for at least two hundred more students should be provided. The same thing is true in the boarding department. Now all teachers and students, irrespective of sex, are housed in the same building. This keeps many students of both sexes away; and as students can be secured from Cuba, the Isle of Pines, Central and South America if we have proper dormitory accommodations, we should at the earliest possible moment erect a dormitory for boys.

To meet these pressing needs I most earnestly make the following recommendations and respectfully ask for the appropriations necessary to carry them out:

1. That an additional story be placed on our present administration building, Bruce Hall. This will necessitate \$5,500.
2. That additional land be secured on which to erect a boy's dormitory. Appropriation needed, \$10,000.
3. That a boys' dormitory with accommodations for not less than fifty students be erected. Appropriation needed, \$10,000.
4. That these improvements and additions be made at the earliest possible moment.

Key West is the coming city of Florida. Situated at the most southern point owned by the United States and linked to the mainland by bands of steel, it is from a commercial and military standpoint the "gateway to the Panama Canal." It guards Cuba, Mexico, the South American countries, and the adjacent keys. Let us make it not only a social and religious center for the people here, but reach out and aid the people of these surrounding countries in the same manner by providing for their children.

WOLFF MISSION (FOR CUBANS), YBOR CITY, FLA.

Miss Lotie Adams, Principal.

Established 1892.

"Line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little, there a little," must be the teacher's motto. She must never weary in well-doing, but let her hope for the unfolding centuries manifest itself in the incarnation of the Great Teacher's principles in her own life and by the teaching of these truths to others as she has opportunity—"sowing in the morning and in the evening, withholding not her hand, for she knoweth not which shall prosper, this or that, or whether both alike shall be fruitful."

The report for this year follows naturally as a sequel to that of 1911, the teachers of the spring term being the same and following the same plans. Misses Janita Hettenhauser and Virginia Ragland conducted the summer school.

In the fall term there were changes, Misses Adams, Baker, and Wilcox remaining, while Miss Ella G. Curry and Miss Zoila Estrella Delgado took the places vacated by the deaconess, Miss Cox, director of music, and Miss Janita Hettenhauser, of the intermediate classes.

Through our clubs additional ones have been numbered among those who regularly receive the lessons of life, for at each of these meetings, as well as daily in the chapel, Bible lessons are given. Our statistical report shows that more than four hundred were regularly instructed during the year. The only new feature of religious instruction has

been the training of a vested choir of school children for church services.

The fitting up of the Minnie Mae Clubroom, which is also used by the young ladies on Thursday evenings, has added much to the pleasure of the meetings—two days each week for sewing. The new machine and chairs, handmade curtains, suitable pictures, pennant, club roster framed—all these make a place the girls love. In sewing the work done is a continuation of that of previous years—dressing the doll now as a larger girl. The class finished the following articles: Garments for the doll, 36; for doll's house, 12; curtains hemstitched and stenciled, 4 pairs, pillowcases hemstitched and embroidered with initial, 2 pairs; middy suits (for girls), with bloomers, 9; Christmas stockings, 30. Total, 93.

Wolff Mission has been kindly remembered by friends as follows: The machine fund, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, of Plano, Tex.; pictures for chapel, Rev. D. Carerra, of Ybor City, Mrs. F. A. Curtis, of Orlando, and Woman's Missionary Conference of Florida; classified collection of shells, beautiful and rare, by Señor Francisco Blanes, of Cardenas, Cuba.

WEST TAMPA SCHOOL.

Miss Emelina Valdes, Principal.

Established 1892.

We have had four teachers this year, two in the kindergarten and two in the primary grade, with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-five children. The majority attend our religious services with regularity; every one is a member of our Brigade and contributes with pleasure. We have these Brigade meetings every week when our deaconess is with us, and they help very much. Our pastor also meets with us and encourages us in every way possible. Our tuition fees amounted to \$173.50, while the Brigade dues were \$32.10.

We need repairs and painting to be done on our school building.

WEST TAMPA, FLA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Zaidie Royalty, Deaconess.

The work of the past year has been along much the same lines as the year before. I have continued my study of Spanish, and what I have learned has enabled me to do more and, I hope, better work. The night school has been very interesting, and has brought us in touch with quite a number of the young men and boys who work in the factories. Of these, forty were enrolled in the school and a number continued through the year; others were in for only a short time.

Visiting, club work, and work in the League and Sunday school and other departments of the Church have continued.

We were able to cooperate with the Associated Charities in giving relief to many families during the season when so many were without work.

It has been my privilege to attend a number of interesting meetings: the district missionary meeting at Bradentown, the annual meeting of the Conference Society, the Annual Conference, the Conference of Charities and Corrections (which met in Tampa), and a number of meetings of local organizations.

A number of baskets were distributed at Thanksgiving through the kindness of the Sunday school of First Church; also a number of Testaments and Gospels were given out, and we pray that the Lord of the harvest will use these to bring souls into his kingdom.

GULF COAST WORK.

GALVESTON, TEX.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Superintendent Immigrant Home.

The report of the Galveston work shows three features enterprised: the care of the immigrant, the seamen, and the undesirable foreigners whom the government was returning to their native lands and who boarded at our Immigrant Home while awaiting decision. There were 676 vessels at port during the year, bringing 6,453 persons. Of these, 341 were deported, 319 passed through the country, and 808 were American citizens. We cared for 2,763 immigrants, 949 sailors in the Home, and 300 "undesirables." We held eighty-five gospel services, and 6,940 sailors frequented our rest and recreation rooms.

GULFPORT, MISS.

Rev. W. T. Griffin, Superintendent.

In submitting this my annual report I am justified in saying that this has been the best year in the history of the Gulf Coast Mission. It has taken time to develop and learn the conditions and how to eliminate much that at first seemed a part of the work.

The attendance at the reading room has been 10,920 and at concerts 1,997. The proportion at the gospel services was larger than ever, 3,169, showing the great need of a place where the sailors can feel at home and that it is theirs, carrying to them the message of life and salvation. The world bids for them, investing money and men to secure their trade; dens of infamy make a hard pull to reach and degrade them and leave them to sink and die. The Church could but be ashamed if no effort were made to reach and redeem, to protect and help these people, away from home and its sanctifying influence, away from their Church and friends (many of them are members of the Church). How do we feel about our boys of the navy and of our own merchant ships when they leave us? Letters, prayers, and tears follow them. So every boy at sea has a soul to save, has loved ones somewhere wondering if we will be good to them while here. Lead them when well, comfort them when sick, help them when in need, and methinks Another says: "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." If he approves, let the world scoff or be indifferent; we cannot, we must not.

Many of these boys—and many of them are mere boys—have been led to better lives; many have been reminded of duties, of promises made, of earlier teaching, of the Saviour's love, and thus confirmed in their faith and kept from error and sin. Letters have come from foreign ports that breathed expressions of gratitude for our care of wandering boys; of young, venturesome boys who just want to see the world, not knowing what it may mean. Most of them work hard, are poorly paid and often poorly fed and kept, thus causing them to desert or change ships in the hope of bettering conditions.

We have made 506 visits to ships; invitation cards distributed, 5,000; New Testaments and Gospels distributed, 809; tracts and booklets, 7,630; Christian and other papers, 7,000; magazines, 4,050; assisted, 23; employment found for 71; free beds, 655; \$138 received for beds. This \$138 paid for our lights, fuel, and other expenses.

Our last concert was attended by one hundred and forty, and the program and refreshments were furnished by the ships' officers, while

the women of the Church served the refreshments. The missionary societies and the W. C. T. U. often give entertainments, socials, and gospel services, thus bringing our people into sympathy with our sailormen. Never yet have we heard one express regret at having come. The men are as decorous as any we have ever worked with. A Christmas dinner, consisting of home cooking, with plenty of homemade cake, was served to about one hundred. Their expressions of appreciation were unbounded, and large numbers attended the Christmas gospel services.

The need of a house or home for our work is so manifest that we are hoping and praying that the way will open for us to secure it.

The Gulf and Ship Island Railroad Company is building immense concrete cotton warehouses and an entirely new pier to accommodate Gulfport's growing volume of business. The Norwegians have built a mission for their sailors, and we must "rise up and build."

The Church may feel some pride in the work done here for people from every part of the globe. And will not these touch other lives and bring them to Christ? The *Sailors' Magazine*, of New York, recently related how one was brought to Christ by the work of Mrs. J. W. Lambuth in Shanghai, China, by giving home influence and a New Testament. This good man is now located on our coast, and is leading others to Christ. He is one of our best Sunday school teachers.

BILOXI, MISS.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Myrtle May Long, Deaconess; Miss Roberta Stubbs, Kindergarten Teacher.

We began the year claiming the promise of the Father, and he has abundantly blessed us in all of our efforts to serve him.

The enrollment in our classes this year has exceeded the enrollment of past years. We do appreciate large numbers, yet we experience great satisfaction and joy in the actual permanent growth, the spiritual uplift of the people whom we serve.

Our Sunday school is full of life. We have very efficient teachers, and the number of scholars in attendance has reached 103. The fourth Sunday in February we observed as Decision Day. We had a class of eight who were baptized on that day; six of these united with the Church, five of them being over twelve years of age. Our Easter program was successfully rendered by the children, well attended by parents and friends, and our thank offering at that time amounted to \$25. The fourth Sunday in each month is Missionary Day in our school. We prepare a special program for this day. The children cheerfully take part and give according to their means.

We have an average attendance of thirty in our beginners' department. They have their exercises apart from the main school, and it is a very great pleasure to see them at work. We have a number of Cradle Roll babies; ten have been baptized this year. We have great hopes for this department, and we believe the mothers are going to be helped through this part of the school.

The Sunday evening service is well attended. We have a thirty-minute prayer and praise service before the sermon. We choose Scripture verses bearing on a given word for each Sunday evening, and it is very gratifying to note the quick response from both old and young. The people bring their Bibles to church. They pray earnest prayers when called on, and are friendly with one another. It is no wonder that those who visit our services say of us, "They have old-time religion," for it is indeed manifest.

Our pastor, Rev. P. F. Daniels, preaches for us two Sunday evenings in the month. The remaining evenings are filled by other ministers in the city, and Rev. W. T. Griffin, our superintendent, preaches for us on the second and fourth Sundays in the month at eleven o'clock.

We are laboring to offer the word of God to the people and to hold up the Christ in their midst.

We have prayer meeting Tuesday evening weekly. We have been studying the Epistles; next week we are going to take up the missionary journeys of Paul. We think our readers will be interested to know that we often have as many as thirty in attendance at prayer meeting.

We held our protracted meeting in May, beginning with the 3d. We had services every night for two weeks. Brother M. L. Burton did most of the preaching. We had only two accessions to the Church, but the power of the Spirit moved the hearts of those who professed him, and we were all built up in him. The women of the neighborhood were greatly blessed in their prayer meeting at this time, and the young girls, under the leadership of Miss Roberta Stubbs, came out boldly for the Lord. Only a few days ago we overheard one girl reproving another for something that was not right. She said: "That isn't what Miss Stubbs taught us in prayer meeting last May."

We have a missionary society composed of sixteen members. The women are doing good work. This winter they furnished the Wesley House with two good stoves, one for our living room and one for the church room.

Our sewing school is very promising this year. Several of the mothers have expressed their wonder and gratitude at what their little daughters are accomplishing through the sewing school. We have six teachers. However, this number is not adequate to the need.

The night school three evenings in the week is well attended. We have enrolled 105 children, with an average attendance of sixty. The interest on the part of the children is wonderful, and they are accomplishing much more than we could expect of them. We so much desire an ideal school. We strive to do our best with the equipment we have, and are praying earnestly for the dawn of the day when we can offer better advantages to our boys and girls who so anxiously seek an education.

Our Girls' Club has meant much to those who have taken advantage of it. They are very faithful in attendance, and we can see a marked improvement in their general conduct. Their aim during the last few months has been to furnish a sewing school fund. They try to live their club motto, "Small service is true service while it lasts," and we think they are very successful in their effort.

Our Young People's Club, composed of young men and young women, meet with us twice each month in a social evening. We believe they have been benefited socially and religiously in their association together.

The kindergarten has been very successful this year. The children come from American and Austrian homes. The foreign mothers seem so pleased to have their children come and "learn English," as they express it. It is so interesting to see how quickly they learn to skip, play, and sing. We are assured that the training they have in the kindergarten is very helpful to them, and believe it will mean something to the older ones in the homes from which they come.

Our Christmas season this year was full of joy. We dressed a tree for the children and gave a Christmas play that held quite well the attention of the two hundred people present. We gave a bag of candy to each child, and through the kindness of friends we were prepared to

play Santa Claus to a number of children who otherwise would have been deprived of Christmas joy. We also gave dinners to several who were needy, both of food and sympathy.

We have made a great many visits in the homes of our people this year. It pays to visit in the Master's name. In our efforts to bless we have been wonderfully blessed, and we turn from the old year into the new with this prayer upon our lips: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—ST. MARK'S HALL.

*Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Kathron Wilson,
Miss Lottie Keithly, Miss Annie Ragland, Miss Leila
Bunkley, Mr. L. Pagani.*

The work at St. Mark's Hall has been continued along lines previously enterprised, with some new features added. The most attractive of these, perhaps, was the summer outing work, which gave to forty-one individuals a glimpse of God's out of doors, to some an absolutely fresh experience, and to all a never-to-be-forgotten happiness. The outing was made possible by the untiring enthusiasm and efforts of Miss Orpha Horne and a number of young people, who organized the Outing Commission and raised money to pay the expenses of travel and board. Just in the nick of time a friend offered the use of her summer home at the Seashore Camp Ground, Biloxi, Miss., to our Woman's Board of City Missions, who maintained the home during the season with Miss Roberta Baker in charge. Of this work Miss Baker writes: "I know that my life has been enriched by my experiences at the summer camp; and it was a wonderful, wonderful time for our people. One little girl, a cripple, said: 'It looks like a new world to me.' May God bless those who labored so faithfully to make the outing work a success!"

In our report last year we spoke of the pleasant Sunday evening informal evangelistic service as being of value as a stepping-stone to connection with the Church in our community. This statement has been verified in that some twenty or more of our people have united with Second Methodist Church during the year. The roster of their names is unique: Pagani, Messina, Manescalpe, La Cerva, Rizzuto, Di Andrea, etc. These results are directly due to the zealous endeavors of our Italian helper, Mr. Lui Pagani, one of our "first fruits," who has been earnest in season and out of season in his ministry to his people, visiting the sick, helping the needy, and giving spiritual instruction through the reading of the Word, prayer, and exhortation—all this in addition to being factotum at the hall on all occasions. We give thanks to God, who giveth the increase.

Mr. Pagani's report follows: "Visits, 700; visits to hospital, 104; number of persons read to and instructed (spiritual), 150; tracts and Gospels distributed, 200; number prayed with, 200; New Testaments distributed, 13; money given to needy (personal), \$25. We are greatly indebted to Mr. M. B. De Pass, of Second Methodist Church, who had charge of the pleasant Sunday evening services during most of the year and added much to their interest and profitableness by the carefully prepared, earnest gospel lessons presented. The Music Committee of the City Board of Missions, led by Mrs. T. T. Tyree, contributed music on a number of occasions, always to the delight of our music-loving people. Rev. W. E. Thomas, pastor of Second Church, had charge of the Italian Men's Club, and has coöperated with us in full sympathy."

Since September 1 Miss Roberta Baker has been in charge of the work.

Her report follows: "I thank God for another year of service, a blessed year in many respects. The cooking school has prospered. Several of the girls will soon finish the course as outlined. My work in the sewing school has been varied, ranging from the dressmaking department to the kindergarten class, where the little girls of five or six years are just as painstaking as their more grown-up sisters. My visiting, as usual, has resulted in blessings to me. Indeed, as I retrospect my work here, the outing work and my Sunday school class, I wonder if I have not always received where I had expected only to give."

Miss Kathron Wilson, reporting for the clinic and the district nursing, says: "My work the past year has grown and developed in a very marked way, and has, I feel, counted for more than ever before. Although at times it has been discouraging, yet we have come into vital touch with some of the people, and they have shown their faith and confidence in us in many ways. The greatest joy I have had is that some have learned to know Jesus Christ. Number of patients treated in clinic, 430; visits made, 280. A number of visits have been made to jails and other institutions."

Miss Leila Bunkley came to us October 3, 1912. She writes of her work: "When the offer came to me to do substitute work at St. Mark's Hall, I gladly accepted. From October to January I have assisted in the sewing and cooking schools, having also visited with Miss Baker in the interest of these departments. I have also canvassed for two Sunday schools recently organized. I have a class of boys at Second Church Sunday School with sixteen enrolled, an average of ten attending. These are *real* boys, and the work with them has been both trying and interesting."

Miss Lottie Keithly and Miss Annie Ragland have assisted in the industrial classes and the club work, and have also ministered acceptably to the "family welfare and comfort." Miss Ragland has also been in charge of the music department.

A high standard of service has been maintained in all departments not specifically mentioned; and we come to the close of the year rejoicing that we are privileged "to lose our lives" for the love of Christ, believing that the sowing of our lives from day to day shall be to the springing up of life eternal in our people, to the glory of God, and to the bringing in of the kingdom.

THE PACIFIC COAST WORK.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ACTON, SUPERINTENDENTS.

The year 1912 has been marked by some advancement and some visible results, for which we are sincerely thankful.

Koreans.

The work among the Koreans in San Francisco, Rev. David Lee, pastor, has been maintained and the interest manifested has been increased. The attendance at all the services has averaged better than during all the preceding years. Three adults and five children have been baptized during the year, a larger number than during any preceding year.

The publication of the *Korean Evangel* was discontinued at the close of the third volume in July, and the financial affairs were satisfactorily adjusted. We found it next to impossible to secure the services of a

competent editor who could speak both English and Korean fluently. The discontinuance has not apparently diminished the interest of the Koreans generally in our work, although we frequently hear regrets that it does not greet them every month as formerly.

The Missionary Council at the meeting in April last made it possible to employ Rev. S. Y. Whang, perhaps the most eloquent Korean preacher on this coast, as a traveling evangelist; and he has regular appointments at Stockton, Sacramento (the capital of the State), Sherman Island, Middle River, and, in addition, visits other points where his countrymen may congregate. Five adults have been baptized as the visible result of this effort, four from Sherman Island and one from Stockton. This makes the total of eight adults and five children baptized during the year.

Japanese.

The Japanese work is encouraging. The schools at Mary Helm Hall have been well attended, and a marked increase in both the night school and the kindergarten is noticeable. The attendance at all the Sunday and other religious services has more than held its own. The Sunday school still holds its record as the largest one on this continent. Four adults, three of them men, have been baptized during the year. The main building has been painted on the outside, and the grounds have been materially improved. Rev. G. Ota still continues as pastor.

During the seventeen years of its existence as a mission Oakland has been without a regular pastor until Rev. J. K. Motoyoshi entered upon the work last May. The attendance upon all the services has increased, and the Sunday school, though still small in numbers, is improving. One sterling young man, a student in the third year of the State University, at Berkeley, has been baptized.

A kindergarten was opened in October with an enrollment of sixteen. It is doing excellent work. We have had a peculiar experience in connection with this. The Buddhists, following the example of the Council in establishing a form of settlement work in Alameda designed to reach the Japanese in their homes, have established similar schools at nearly every point on the Pacific Coast where there is a Christian mission for Japanese. They rented a room two doors from our Oakland Mission and opened a kindergarten and primary school. Before they did this we went to the leaders and suggested to them that they conduct the primary school and leave the management of the children of kindergarten age to us. They promised to consider the proposition and give us an answer, but failed to do so, and opened both schools. The attendance at our kindergarten was four times as large as at theirs, and at the beginning of the December vacation these leaders sent us word that they would close their kindergarten and send the pupils to ours if we would agree to three propositions: First, that the name of God would not be mentioned in the kindergarten; secondly, that we would pledge that we would never begin primary school work; thirdly, that a visiting committee be appointed by the Oakland Japanese Association to consult with us in relation to the affairs of the kindergarten. We replied, "No," to the first. To the second we stated that we were only the agents of the Missionary Council, and did not have the right to enter into any such an agreement; and if they maintained a good school, we would tell the Council of it in the event of their considering the feasibility of organizing a primary school. In regard to the third, we said that in eighteen years of experience in teaching in the public schools in California, in every grade and kind of school,

from a country district to principal of a high school, we had always sought and welcomed all committees and visitors that came to see the school and to consult us in relation to the welfare of any of them, and we would always be glad to receive the committee and confer on any matters pertaining to the interests of the kindergarten. They closed their kindergarten; and when ours reopened after Christmas, all the children came in, and all of them attend the Sunday school too. The Buddhists considered the feasibility of entering Alameda, and even sent priests here and held meetings to encourage such a move, but were discouraged by our Japanese friends and gave it up.

One of the most encouraging features of 1912 is the increased interest in Oriental work manifested by the Church generally. The missions have been visited by many more than ever before. Among these may be mentioned Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss M. L. Gibson, Rev. Gross Alexander, Secretary John M. Moore, Mrs. Alvah H. Martin, of Norfolk, Va., and many others. The juvenile societies of Fort Smith, Ark., under the leadership of Sister Broyles, of our Central Church, of Snyder, Okla., Sister J. B. Hines, leader, and others, have corresponded with the Japanese boys and girls of Mary Helm Hall, and at Christmas the first-mentioned society sent to the Japanese children a number of artistically prepared scrapbooks, which were highly appreciated.

Self-Help.

In relation to the question of self-help looking to the ideal of self-support we endeavor to inculcate this without making it offensive, and the response has been excellent the past year. The parents of the pupils in the Mary Helm Hall schools have paid the Japanese teacher and part of the running expenses of the schools, in all \$661.95. This includes the payment of a Japanese teacher of sewing employed by them to instruct the girls. Besides this, the members of the mission have contributed \$252.10 to the expenses of conducting the religious services, a total for this mission of \$924.05. The Oakland Mission, few in number, has paid \$88.50 toward its current expenses.

The San Francisco Korean Mission has raised and paid \$206.11 on current expenses, and in settling the affairs of the *Evangel* the majority of those who had overpaid their subscription donated it to that mission to help pay for a much-needed carpet for the auditorium and a reading desk for a pulpit. This donation approximates \$100. The Koreans on Brother Whang's circuit paid \$45.34 toward current expenses, besides furnishing a room for the preaching services. None of this money has passed through our hands, having been collected and paid out by the official boards of each individual mission. The foregoing does not include any of the amounts paid as subscription to the *Evangel*.

Upon the whole, we feel that the year has been a good one, and that we have reason to feel grateful for what has been accomplished. We hunger for greater results, and will hope for, pray, and work for them.

HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME, LOS ANGELES, CAL.

*Maria M. Elliott, Head Resident; M. Frances Mann, Deaconess;
Lula I. Cason, Head Nurse; Laura Davis and Grace Clark,
Assistant Nurses; Miss Pearl Weeks, Assistant
Housekeeper.*

We are glad to record a new step forward in our work this year in that the Wesley House, which we looked forward to last year, has be-

come a reality. We have erected a seven-room portable house for a free clinic and dispensary on a lot which has been given us rent free for two years. The house was completed, after numerous aggravating delays, just in time for the Christmas holidays. It was thought well to introduce ourselves to the people whom we expect to serve by giving a Christmas tree to the children of the neighborhood. If one is to judge by the number who came, the introduction was a success. Fully two hundred and fifty children gathered outside the building long before the tree was ready; but there was enough for them all of toys and good things to eat, besides warm clothing and groceries for a great many needy ones. The plumbing, not being completed, has delayed the opening of the clinic, but in a few more days we hope to have that finished and the real work of the House begun. We have now a plant of which we are justly proud, and hope to do much for the uplift of the Mexican, Italian, Russian, and other foreign peoples around us.

After more than three years of faithful and efficient service as head of the hospital, Miss Bessie Peirson left us in September to enter Scarritt to fit herself for a larger field of usefulness. Miss Lula Cason, who has served acceptably under the Board for several years, stepped into the breach, and so the work goes on. The duties of the deaconesses have been varied, as usual, reaching from pastor's assistant to employment agent and from travelers' aid to real estate agent.

Miss Mann reports: "Besides my regular visiting for the Churches I have tried to serve, and teaching a class of young women in Sunday school, I have had some special work under our City Mission Board. The second week in March our City Board opened a Wesley House in Sonora town. Our first effort was to establish a day nursery. We had not been there long, however, before we heard that the public school board proposed to care for the children of all working mothers in that district; and in a very short time they had a suitable building erected for that purpose. As there was no need for two nurseries in that district, and the nursery being the only feature we had except a small Sunday school, we decided to look for another location. The field was decided upon sometime ago; but as yet we have done no work, except what we did for the poor at Christmas time. It was our privilege to minister to at least five hundred people during the holidays. We are praying that the Father may abundantly bless our work in this white field. As I look forward to another year of service, I thank God for health and strength and for a place in his vineyard."

Miss Cason reports for the hospital as follows: "I came late in the year to take the place of Miss Bessie Peirson as superintendent of the hospital. I can therefore say little of the work done by the hospital except to give the statistical report which follows: Patients treated, 207; amount taken in, \$4,238.45; amount expended on free bed, \$206.94."

FRENCH MISSION.

HOUMA, LA.

Miss Eliza Iles, Deaconess.

I began my work among the French people in August. The work here is new, as the Church was organized only four years ago. In August I did little but get acquainted. In September I started the gymnasium, night school, and sewing school. The Roman Catholics started a sewing school in opposition to ours, and made it compulsory

for their children to attend and almost unforgivable if they attend ours. They have also placed a ban upon the gymnasium. But many come regardless of restrictions.

My great endeavor is to permeate every part of the social service work with the religious spirit. The night school is closed with a Bible story, the sewing school has a short religious service, and the gymnasium has a few minutes for a Bible story or singing.

We have recently started a Thursday night prayer meeting. These take the form of Bible lessons or book studies of the Bible.

I teach a Bible class Sunday morning, superintend a Sunday school in a near-by town Sunday afternoon, and frequently give a talk that night.

I was ill three weeks during October, which hindered me greatly. I made 268 visits from August 8 to December 31, gave out twenty-eight garments and several articles of furniture and food. But I love most of all to give myself, and these people are so hungry for love and sympathy. We count the visiting to be one of our best features, and yet I have to be so prayerfully careful lest they become frightened at the freedom found in Christ our Lord.

We have six Sunday schools in all. They are all growing, and other sections are saying: "Come over and help us." Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are so few. Seventy thousand people are embraced in what we call our territory, nine thousand within a radius of two and one-half miles of Houma; ninety per cent of these sit in darkness. The country work takes the greater part of the pastor's time, which leaves me in charge here a great deal. I have organized the Pocket Testament League; several have joined. The financial shadow is the darkest now, but we trust our Lord for light in that quarter. I cannot tell the joy I find in the work. Suffice it to say that these are my people and I am their servant, their friend, their sister, trying to magnify our Lord in their midst.

We have had eighty-two accessions within the past year, sixty-six of whom were Romanists.

I humbly submit this report to our Church and to our Lord, asking only for opportunity to serve better another year.

INDIAN WORK.

MOUNT SCOTT.

Miss Maud Welch in Charge.

The plan of my work this year has been somewhat the same as the previous one—that of visitation work. In some respects results have been more encouraging this year. I have been able to get into closer touch with the hearts and lives of the people. Many have been led to start a better life through our meetings, and Christians have been strengthened. At these all-day meetings held in each settlement we spend the forenoon sewing or cooking, and hold a service in the afternoon. In this way we can get more people out; men and women both attend, some traveling five and six miles. We have been helped greatly by the sewing material sent us by quite a number of the auxiliaries over the Church, for which we are very grateful.

At an Indian fair this fall to exhibit industrial work the sewing of our women compared quite favorably with that of other tribes and Churches.

Besides these settlement meetings, we have traveled a great deal in visiting each home as often as possible. In this part of the work there is much to be done. Here we must supplement the Bible and prayer with soap and water and, in winter, a frequent gush of fresh air in the overheated, tight rooms or tents.

Our Sunday school has continued its interest through the year, though we are still hindered by the Indians being away at times, leaving a gap of several Sundays in our work. Our birthday offerings and general collections were larger this year than last.

The Christmas season was observed with a loaded tree, also a good service and liberal collection.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

ALBANY, GA.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Missionary.

Serving in the double capacity of travelers' aid and city missionary, exceptionally good opportunities are furnished for making the work effective. The rooms fitted up for me by the ladies of the Board quite early in the year have proved an admirable place for us to give shelter, temporarily, in all the "rescue" work which we have had to handle. They have also made it possible for us to afford lodging place for the night to any unprotected girl passing through the station for whom connections are such that a night in Albany is inevitable, and who, without the aid thus furnished, would have to pass the night alone either at the station or some hotel. Meeting always the evening trains, such cases are given especial care. Again and again these girls are brought by the missionary to her room for the night and accompanied by her to the proper train at the appointed time. Sometimes it is a schoolgirl thus befriended. More frequently, however, it is some country girl, wholly unfamiliar with the ways of the world. From what has been told me on more than one occasion, we know that suggestions are often made to them by persons they have met on trains coming in, which, if followed up, would unquestionably lead to unhappy situations. We believe, therefore, that the protective work thus accomplished counts for as much as, or perhaps more than, that done under the more specific name of "rescue" work. In the latter department, however, we have reason for encouragement. More and more frequently we are being asked to aid some unfortunate girl who seeks more hopeful ways of living.

The question now is not so much of how to find an entrance into hopeful lines of service in this department, but how to take care of that which offers at our very door. In the "Door of Hope" in Macon and the Crittenton Mission in Savannah we have placed those who need still to be assisted through our own work here.

Grateful for what is open before us, and glad that our first year of work here has been so rich in opportunity, we face a future richer still in its unbounded promise.

Especial gratitude is due the Board, which has so continuously supported the work. Individuals have been generous and faithful. The Philathea Classes of both the Baptist and Methodist Churches, the Epworth League, the Baraca Class of the Baptist Church, the Mothers' Class of the Methodist Church, the Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Asso-

ciation, and the Knights Templar have all made special contributions which have enabled us to do work which otherwise would have been impossible. We are grateful to all, whether individual or association, which have in any way aided in the support of the work.

The statistical report of my work shows:

Elderly ladies assisted	144
Girls and young women assisted.....	384
Girls put in care of conductor.....	18
Persons aided in finding friends.....	19
Persons directed to hotels or lodgings.....	103
Persons accompanied to hotels or lodgings.....	83
Lodgings furnished at my rooms.....	41
Lodgings furnished by Salvation Army.....	16
Meals furnished at my rooms.....	66
Meals furnished by Salvation Army.....	22
Meals furnished at restaurant.....	8
Sick assisted	19
Aided in transportation	10
Information furnished	240
Whole number assisted	1,142

City Work.

Visits made	265
Sent to rescue homes	4
Placed in Orphans' Home	5

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Susie Belle Jeter, Deaconess.

In reviewing the work of the past seven months that I have served as district visitor in Asheville, there is great joy and gratitude to the Heavenly Father, whose promise, "Fear thou not, for I am with thee," has indeed strengthened and helped me past many difficult places. The work has not been all sunshine, successes, and encouragements, but these have far outweighed the shadows, failures, and heartaches.

The greater part of the work, however, is confined to three sections where we have mission buildings as centers for evangelistic work. The work has been varied, many things coming in that cannot be recorded in figures, but which have taken time and thought. Many tubercular cases have been cared for, young girls given timely aid and advice that perhaps saved them from ruin, erring girls sent to rescue homes, employment found for women and girls, Bible-readings given at the Lindley Rescue Home. The greater part of the time has been spent in becoming acquainted, in reorganizing clubs and classes, organizing new activities, and visiting the many cases of sickness in the neighborhood.

The heart of each member of our three Sunday schools, two girls' clubs, two mothers' clubs, and the sewing school was made glad at the Christmas season by gifts from our trees, made possible through the generosity of Central, North Asheville, and Haywood Street Churches, whose giving services brought joy and good will not only to those who received but to the hearts of the givers as well.

My report would be incomplete did I not mention the faithful volunteers whose love, sympathy, and tact have helped to make the work

what it is, and who have indeed held up the hands of the deaconess as she tried to minister unto "His little ones." While we are always glad to see results in increased numbers, the aim has been to raise the standard of home life, develop the intellectual and spiritual life, deepen the consecration, and to make permanent the work already established.

I do not feel satisfied with the work of the past month, but, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark," praising God that it is my privilege to serve him with the Asheville City Mission Board, and determining through his grace and goodness to make 1913 the best year in the history of our work.

ATLANTA, GA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Mary Daniel, Deaconess; Mary Moore, Deaconess; Ellen Cloud, Nurse Deaconess; Edith Brittingham, Kindergartner; Florence Crim, Day Nursery Matron; Margaret Lawshé, Resident Volunteer Worker.

The year just past has brought to Wesley House several changes in workers, some shadows, yet a steady growth of every department, so that our Board and each worker realize more fully than ever that "Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above that all we ask or think" has been with us in the planning and the working out of the plans for His work here.

An invalid mother called Miss Dickinson from the place she had held for nine years at Wesley House. It was with the deepest regret that we gave her up; yet her work has been ably carried on by Miss Edith Brittingham, a kindergartner who has been able to adapt herself to every phase of our settlement work.

Miss Lula Cason, who had spent three years of faithful service as nurse at Wesley House, also left us for another field. Here, too, we were fortunate in having sent to us a nurse deaconess, fully equipped to take up the work of the department.

The splendid coöperation of the mill owners, as evidenced by many improvements in the Wesley House, has given an impetus to the work. Among other things, they have turned over an entire building of fifty-six rooms to our use as a Wesley House.

Miss Moore, deaconess in charge of the domestic science and arts department, reports as follows: "Our attendance in this department is much better than last year, and we feel that we are steadily winning the love and confidence of the girls. We have felt that the attendance and quality of work of the sewing school have never been what they should. As a solution of this problem, we have formed a number of sewing clubs, which meet at different times during the week. The children make simple garments, or something they can use in the home, for which, when completed, they pay a small sum. The kitchen garden classes, in which are enrolled forty-eight little girls, are most successful, as were also the millinery classes, where thirty-four girls worked untiringly for six weeks making hats for themselves, a sister, or mother, the only expense to them being the small cost of material. There has been a steady improvement in accomplishments and spirit among our girls of the six cookery classes."

Miss Brittingham, our kindergartner, says: "Since the opening of the work in September with twelve children I have come in touch with

fifty-six little lives. The roving nature of the parents, back and forth from mill to mill, brings about many changes in the kindergarten group, making it difficult to do well-graded work. However, there has been wonderful improvement in those who have been in the kindergarten the entire session, and even those who have left us carry with them a better sense of order, truth, and personal obligation—better organized little minds.”

The nurse-deaconess, Miss Cloud, reports as follows; “Soon after we began work in the medical department this year the large attendance at the three weekly clinics necessitated larger quarters, which changes were made, giving a splendid office and a large, attractive waiting room. The size of the clinics finally called for increasing their number, which we did, giving us five per week, including a special one for eye, ear, nose, and throat and one for gynecology. Besides the five regular physicians, we have added to our staff two surgeons ready to answer any call of need from our neighborhood. We are holding our old patients and constantly touching new ones. Our records show that four hundred and twenty-four patients were handled at the Wesley House in four weeks’ time.”

Miss Florence Crim, in charge of the day nursery, says: “The day nursery door stands wide open to women whom necessity compels to share in the support of the family, and many lives that sorrow and suffering have overshadowed have been brightened and strengthened here. The suspicions of our neighbors have been almost overcome, as is shown by a larger average attendance and many more applicants than we will admit. The work of the nursery has been facilitated by several changes. Our kitchen has been moved from across the hall, and opens directly into the dining room. Two new stoves add much to the comfort of the place. It is our aim to make the nursery a pleasant, homelike place, and to form lasting friendships with the families brought under our care. The foundations for a strong physique are laid in our day nursery.”

The growing desire to take advantage of the opportunities offered here is shown also by the large library attendance, which is steadily nearing the three hundred mark per month. Miss Lawshé, in charge of this part of our work, reports two hundred books loaned in one month. The library, now a large, freshly painted room on the third floor, with new mission furniture, shades and curtains, and a number of new books, is the most attractive room in Wesley House.

The night school, with its six teachers and an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-nine, is making most encouraging progress.

The six clubs have been well attended. This feature of our work has been greatly strengthened by the employing of a physical director for the young men, a man who is not only a splendid athlete but a strong Christian character.

Most gratifying of all our work this year has been the fact that souls have been saved at Wesley House. The growing attendance at the Sunday afternoon Bible hour and the Thursday evening half-hour praise service has afforded opportunities for offering Christ to more and more of our people. During a series of open-air services this summer and at our annual home-coming Thanksgiving service a number of definite stands were made for the Christ—for all of which we are truly grateful, because we realize that as we gather these whose confidence we have won into the fold, then only are we accomplishing that for which the Lord of the harvest placed us in this field.

AUGUSTA, GA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

King's Cotton Mill, Miss Grace Jackson, Missionary.

In looking over the work of the past quarter there come to my mind the difficulties, disappointments, and new experiences of a city missionary who had never seen a cotton mill, nor was she acquainted with mill people. I came to Augusta on September 18 and found a new worker, Mrs. Riser, ready to receive me; but her stay was short, sickness causing her to leave the work in November. Thus new responsibilities came. Despite all hindrances, however, the people have responded to our personal effort to interest them in the work. The Sunday school and prayer meeting have both grown in number and interest, and the Mothers' Club is a great joy to us.

Our enrollment in the night school has not been so large as it was last session, but the work done has been telling and the improvement in the boys and girls has been marked. Miss Cecile Durban has been my assistant in this work. Her love and enthusiasm for it have helped me greatly.

One important question that comes to every worker from others and her own mind also is: Does it all pay? What lasting good are you doing? I then think of the twenty or more mothers who can work, thus helping to support the family while their children are well cared for by our faithful day nursery matron; the thirty children who spend three happy hours in the kindergarten each morning; of the hundreds of dreary lives we touch and try to brighten through visiting them, having them visit us, and through giving them material aid and the religious services. There also come to my mind the words of these who have known this community for years. They say it is not like the same place since our settlement work began. I take courage, therefore, and am happy with the thought that I am working with Him, trying to make one little corner better.

We acknowledge the kindness of the President and the Superintendent of the mill, the ladies of our Missionary Board, and other friends for making this work possible. May the work in Augusta have a great future!

Miss Margaret Urquhart reports the work of the kindergarten as follows: "Reviewing the past kindergarten year of our settlement, the most encouraging feature of the work to me is the more interested attitude the mothers have toward this happy and intelligent playtime for their little children. I felt very much disappointed at the beginning of the year, for the enrollment was small, the attendance smaller. During the summer I made a house-to-house canvass for little children, explaining the kindergarten to the mothers, with good results this fall; the enrollment increased and the mothers seem anxious that their little folk should get the entire benefit of the kindergarten privileges placed within their reach. Our little people are teachable and lovely to work and play with, and it is a great privilege to be allowed to help bring these helpful and happy moments of childhood into their lives."

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Florida Dewar, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Constance Palmore, Deaconess; Miss Mittie Hamby, Kindergartner; Miss Helen Burr, Missionary.

With only two and one-half months of history back of it, the work of 1912 has naturally been to a large extent experimental; experiment-

ing not to see what was needed, but to see if the time was ripe for each particular line of work. Many mistakes and blunders have been made; but with it all we are very thankful to be able to claim at least two results of the year's work:

1. We have proved to the people of the community that we really are their friends, hence have won their confidence, love, and respect.

2. We have proved to the mill managers that our work is practical, hence their confidence and growing coöperation.

We now have four departments of work, with a fifth department consisting of those activities that cannot well be classified:

1. *Children's Department*.—(1) Nursery, (2) kindergarten, (3) story hour, (4) child housekeeping.

2. *Boys' Department*.—(1) Club, (2) Sunday lodge, (3) story hour.

3. *Girls' Department*.—(1) Cooking, (2) sewing, (3) story hour, (4) housekeeping.

4. *Young People's Department*.—(1) Chorus, (2) night school, (3) young woman's coöperative home, (4) young woman's club, (5) young men's gymnasium class.

5. *Unclassified*.—(1) Library, (2) sale of second-hand clothing, (3) loan, (4) milk station, (5) Saturday-night entertainments.

A third house has recently been moved, added to, repaired, and equipped ready for occupancy in 1913. This will be used for a young woman's coöperative home.

Miss Helen Burr reports the school and clubs as follows: "It was by the suggestion of the young people themselves that we started our night school. Although most of our boys and girls work during the day, they are regular in attendance. Meeting three nights in the week from seven to nine and having a paid primary teacher for our lower grades and a volunteer high school teacher to assist with the more advanced students, we hope we have in part met what is a recognized need in our community. Several have started to day school again as a result of renewed interest and ambition awakened in the night school. One very gratifying result of our night school has been a widening of the circle of those who come to our library to borrow books. Since September we have registered ninety-eight people and loaned two hundred and ninety books. There are sixty children enrolled in our two story hours. One of these is for children of the kindergarten age, the other for boys and girls of school age. We have confined ourselves almost entirely to the Bible stories, since nowhere is it possible to find hero tales that thrill and inspire like those of the Old Testament."

Miss Hamby reports the following: "In the kindergarten we had an enrollment of seventy-two children, with an average attendance of forty-eight. The children come at nine o'clock and stay till twelve. The Board furnishes \$5 a month for supplies. Quite an improvement has been seen in the children, especially in cleanliness and self-mastery. We have observed all the festal days, such as St. Valentine's, George Washington's birthday, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The success of these parties has been made possible by the monthly allowance of the Board and by the personal interest of friends of this department. The Easter party was given by a Sunday school class of young ladies who came in automobiles and carried the children to Avondale Park, where twelve dozen eggs had already been hidden. First came the eager search for the eggs, after which they assembled in the pavilion for their Easter songs and games. We have two kindergarten classes—one a class of twelve girls from ten to twelve years of

age; the other a class of twenty-four girls from six to nine. The number is limited, hence an almost perfect attendance. We are more and more convinced that we cannot begin too early to train a girl to become a good home maker. We have found that our teaching is much more effective and lasting with the six-year-old child, because she has not yet learned the wrong methods of housekeeping."

Miss Palmore reports for the day nursery and cooking classes: "We have enrolled in the day nursery during the year twenty-two babies, ranging from five weeks to three and a half years of age, and eighty-nine children of kindergarten and school age. The average daily attendance has been fourteen. The necessary investigation and follow-up work of this department has been most interesting, varied, and pathetic. The cases have included those of deserted mothers, a mother deserted during pregnancy, sick mother or father, widowed mother or father, etc. I also have two cooking classes called the Martha Washington classes number one and two. There are eight girls in each class, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years. If a girl misses two lessons without a good excuse, she loses her place. They pay ten cents a month dues, and make their own money as far as possible. The part that pleases me is that they try to put into practice at home what they learn in class. The work, however, that I enjoy most is my sewing school, which meets every Saturday afternoon. Seventy-five children have been enrolled during the year. I have eleven faithful volunteer teachers, who take interest in their classes. The children attend well and do excellent work. They spent the month of December making presents for their mothers. The material for all these was paid for with their own pennies."

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—ENSLEY WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Dollie Crim in Charge.

On October 10, 1912, I came to Ensley to establish a work under the City Mission Board of Birmingham. After a thorough investigation, the Italian district was decided upon as being the most needy field. Many hundreds of Italians were found to be in this district, and a number of Americans, poor and degenerate. The Italians would not live in the company quarters, because certain rules of hygiene must be observed there. They wanted to live "huddled up," and they have here truly "Little Italia."

Friends were soon made with the children of the street, and through them I entered the homes. During the three months 557 visits were made and ninety records made of families. These records show that the Italians own property here and there over the entire community, doubtless with a view to gaining the entire district. From the records we find that in one-fourth of a block they had built houses with apartments of two rooms each. Thirteen families, some numbering fourteen, and six single men were living on this piece of ground 150 feet square.

They live in such dirt, such ignorance, such need of the better life, and we are responsible if we do not try to help them to higher standards. There seemed to be no better way of meeting this than to establish a Wesley House. But the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railway Company, which employs almost every man in Ensley, must be interested in a successful work being carried on. Mr. Crawford, the President, saw the need as we did and approved of the plan. He did not know, however, but that they had best do welfare work.

While waiting for their answer a sewing school was established at the neighborhood public school. The principal was heartily in sympathy with the work we contemplated and offered the building for any educational purposes. At the first session of the school fifty-five were enrolled. Many more have since entered. All of these Italian children seem to love the Bible verses.

It is a custom among some of the Italians for girls reaching the age of thirteen or fourteen not to be allowed on the street without one of their parents. They wanted to come, so a class was formed of these "shut-ins," meeting in their homes. One day one said to me: "We pray to a priest. It seems strange to pray to a priest who is a man just like anybody else, doesn't it? I don't believe it's right. I guess it is, though, because the Bible says so; the priest said it did." Then she said to me: "Does the Bible say so? O I wish I were an American!" The pathos was great. They are wanting America's religion.

After much waiting and prayer, the answer came from the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. This work is rooted and grounded on faith and prayer. Everything has come through prayer.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron Company has given us the following:

1. A five-room cottage and bath—leased the same for five years.
2. A well-equipped playground on adjoining property.
3. A kindergarten or auditorium which they are to construct.
4. One hundred and eighty-five dollars for kindergarten equipment, \$80 for folding chairs, and all fuel, water, and electric light.

Our Father has intrusted much to us. Our opportunity is limitless. It is a cry to arms. It remains for us to go over and possess the territory. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." So we would lift up the Christ.

DALLAS, TEX.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Lillie Black and Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Deaconesses.

As I look back over the four and a half months that I have spent in the Wesley House, my heart is filled with gratitude to the Heavenly Father for the way in which he has guided me and for the many varied experiences that have come to me. While there have been many things perplexing and problems hard to solve, still I have *never* felt such contentment and such a real sense of the presence of God with me and such assurance that his grace is sufficient for all things.

On account of the extremely warm weather, the clubs had all been discontinued, and it was a little hard to get them reorganized. But we have now working encouragingly a mothers' club, girls' club, young women's club, children's story hour (both boys and girls), and a cottage prayer meeting.

We had no Sunday school, but Miss Grizzard and I both felt the need of one; and on the 15th of September we organized with fifteen present, and it has grown steadily, until now there are more than a hundred scholars enrolled. And the thing that gives us more joy than all else is the fact that on the first Sunday in January it was organized into a missionary Sunday school, and the students are going to contribute weekly to missions. We are beginning to feel the need of a chapel, and have faith to believe that it will not be long before we have it.

We have done a great deal of visiting, especially among the sick; and while there are a few cases that make our hearts sick to witness their daily suffering, we are always helped by going.

We have six of the most earnest volunteer workers helping us, and

with God's help we feel that we shall do some good, and thank him daily for a place to work in his vineyard.

Miss Gertrude Grizzard reports: "I began my labors here January 1, 1912. The meningitis was raging, and things looked gloomy enough for a while. We could have no clubs for some time, and I was forced to content myself visiting. As there was so much sickness, I found plenty to do. After the meningitis scare was over, I took charge of the children's work, organizing a housekeepers' class, girls' Bible hour, and little boys' brigade, also a choral club. This work I enjoyed heartily. Our clubs were disbanded the 1st of July, as we were requested to open a nursery during the summer months. We did not have very many children in the nursery, but I believe we helped those we did have. Two of those children who had never gone to Sunday school anywhere are attending our Sunday school. The boy did not know what it was to obey, but now his mother says he obeys beautifully. I have prayed for a Sunday school ever since I looked over this field, and now we have a most promising one. I don't think it will be long before we have a Church here. Ever since the gracious revival of last June people have been taking greater interest in the things of God. Our hearts were made to rejoice exceedingly over the conversion of a drunkard who had been drinking for more than forty years. He is now a living epistle of what the grace and power of the Lord Jesus Christ can do. He never misses prayer meeting or Sunday school. I was never happier in my life."

DALLAS, TEX.—WESLEY CHAPEL.

Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess.

"You are fighting the devil on his own ground." These were the words spoken by a prominent clergyman of Dallas as he stood on the steps of the Wesley Chapel and glanced up and down the street at the bawdyhouses, saloons, pool rooms—signs only of degraded womanhood and depraved manhood. But, saddest and most heartbreaking of all, little children, my little Sunday school children, are compelled to live under such conditions without protection.

That was a year ago. I was almost in despair when I wrote my last report. There was one ray of hope. The work was not mine, but the Lord's, and I had faith to believe that in some way victory would come. This past year has been the greatest of my life. O how exhilarating to deal deathblows to Satan and see him retreat! How different conditions are now! To the north lies the segregated district, where no woman is detained against her wishes. No boys under sixteen and no girls under eighteen are allowed within the district.

The white slavery of last year is a thing of the past. "Pimps" have disappeared. The rigid rules under which the district is governed have caused many women to leave the city. This district is a "blotch" in the city, but it means protection to the homes, especially to the young girls and precious children I work with. Wine rooms have been abolished, and no children are allowed to enter a saloon or carry beer.

The greatest victory has been over the druggists that deal with morphine and cocaine to drug fiends. The druggist across the street from the chapel was indicted and pleaded guilty. Another was forced to go out of business. Every "dope joint" has been closed, and this district is free from the curse.

But my work is with the mothers and children. The home life is deplorable. The population is largely Jewish and Mexican. We have a

Sunday school, composed almost wholly of Jews and Mexicans, with an enrollment of seventy and an average attendance of fifty. We get many Jews and Mexicans in the boys' club and sewing school that are not allowed to come to Sunday school. But they hear the same truths.

The most interesting feature of our program of work is the Saturday morning children's hour. We go out and gather up all the little ones in the neighborhood. Three young kindergarten teachers have charge. It is so interesting that the mothers come with the little ones. This is helping to break down Jewish prejudice, and is a "feeder" for the Sunday school and other services.

The mothers' club is a power for good. It is touching to see how eagerly they study the Bible lessons. They have so little to brighten their lives.

The whole year has been one of progress, and I look back with a heart full of joy for the privilege of serving the Master at Wesley Chapel.

DANVILLE, VA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Mary H. Frankland, Deaconess.

When the Council met in April I was appointed to work here, and I came the 1st of May to take up my duties. The people whom the Wesley House is to serve are workers in cotton mills, knitting, overall, and cigarette factories. There are about one hundred and sixty white families in the seven blocks, and that means approximately eight hundred persons.

I found the Wesley House well equipped and admirably adapted to the work, except for the fact that there is no large room where a gathering of any size can assemble. Through the efforts of our kindergartner such a room is now about to become a reality, and it will be used for the kindergarten, thus increasing the efficiency of its work.

Several departments of work had been organized, but owing to unsettled conditions some of them had been discontinued for about two months. It was thought advisable not to reorganize these at once, as the time for closing such activities was so near at hand, but to concentrate effort upon those already in operation and get thoroughly acquainted with the field.

After the kindergarten and sewing school closed the last of May, the work for the summer consisted of the medical dispensary, free baths, and visiting among the people. By means of these the new worker came in touch with the people and learned their needs, also the conditions existing among them.

Early in September the kindergarten was reopened with an enrollment of twenty-seven, three more than our seating capacity permitted. This work has been very encouraging, but would be much more effective if we had a larger room and an assistant. However, our kindergartner has done fine work, and many of the children show marked improvement. One little girl of four who has spent most of her life on the streets and who had no idea of obedience was brought into the kindergarten, and there a new world was revealed to her. After much time spent and patient training given, she began to develop wonderfully, showing that work with children from even the most unfavored conditions is fruitful of great results. The sequel to the story of this little girl in the kindergarten is that she has been taken away from the debasing influences that surrounded her in her home and through the Children's Home Society of our State was placed in a family home.

During the year the mothers' club has changed its plan of work. Its twenty-five members are divided into three circles, each of which meets once during the month. One circle embroiders, one crochets, and one studies the cooking of some special dish. On the fourth Thursday the three circles meet together for a social evening, having a musical or literary program and refreshments. Two-thirds of the dues are to be used in providing bed linen and night clothes to be loaned in case of sickness in the neighborhood.

The sewing school opened the 1st of October with an enrollment of thirty, girls between the ages of six and thirteen, and has increased to fifty-four, with an average attendance of thirty during the quarter. The children are interested in the work, and are looking forward with great pleasure to the time when they will make a suit of doll clothes.

The young ladies of the Randolph-Macon Institute donated seven baskets for Thanksgiving dinners and sent a committee to deliver them to the families which they asked us to select. They also gave \$2 to be used in relief work when needed.

In November there was some change made in the work of the dispensary. Instead of keeping a night open at the Wesley House, patients can call any time during the week and get cards so that they may visit the doctors' offices and have free medical advice. This change was made because of the decrease in attendance at the clinic, and it is found to be very satisfactory.

As our space is so limited, we had no Christmas celebration except in the kindergarten. Here the true spirit of the season was emphasized, and effort was made to implant such thoughts in the minds and hearts of His little ones as would become a part of them. Instead of the usual Christmas tree, individual trees were prepared, the object being to point attention to and make more attractive the homes. The results were most gratifying.

The children of the neighborhood were well remembered. One of the Methodist Sunday schools provided stockings for eighty-nine. The young ladies of the Randolph-Macon Institute again showed their interest by sending fifty pairs of stockings, one of each pair filled with "goodies" and accompanied by a toy. Some of the ladies of our Board provided several and others sent baskets, so that no one should be forgotten. We tried to get the coöperation of other organizations, so there would be no overlapping in giving, and were fairly successful.

We have some faithful volunteer workers, among whom I would mention the four physicians who take our clinic patients and our sewing school teachers, two of whom consider this engagement as important as any they make.

As the Wesley House is a social center for the community, the young people frequently gather here to play games and enjoy an evening together.

It is the privilege of the workers here to be of some assistance in our little near-by mission Church. Our kindergarten teacher has charge of the primary department and the deaconess has a class of girls. We find much pleasure in this work and in lending a helping hand at other times whenever needed and when our time and strength permit.

DARLINGTON, S. C.

Miss Aletha Graham, Deaconess.

On my arrival in Darlington in September I found conditions much more favorable than I had anticipated. The homes of the people were

graciously opened to me. My predecessor having won their confidence and love, it made my work most pleasant. I have charge of the primary department of the Methodist Sunday school, in which we use the graded lessons. Our Sunday school is very gratifying. On Sunday afternoon I teach a class of women in the Baptist Sunday school.

We have an Epworth League composed of boys and girls from the different denominations of the village, of which I found myself President on my arrival. While it is not largely attended, some very gratifying work has been done. We have mothers' prayer meetings on Wednesdays, which are really seasons of blessing. I have two classes in cooking, one a supper class, the girls coming directly from the mill.

Our sewing school on Saturday afternoon is held in the Methodist church, and is doing nice work. The volunteer teachers, coming from three denominations "uptown," enjoy the work very much.

We have four churches in the village, but unfortunately none are well attended.

My house-to-house visiting I consider the most important feature of my work, and I am afraid I allow my organized work to take up too much time. No part of my work is as I should like to have it, and I feel my inability very keenly.

Let me say that I have been very happy in being able to give material relief in several instances. The King's Daughters and charitable persons uptown have responded freely to my calls.

NORTH FORT WORTH, TEX.

Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess.

The past year has been a very busy one, but very gratifying in many respects. When I first came to this large field, I felt so helpless and dependent; yet I have known my Guide day by day, and he has been so wonderfully good and has gone before and opened up the way for service in this needy territory.

The people are a mixture of many nationalities, living in rented homes and moving from place to place. I spend most of my time in the homes of the people, first to the sick and bereaved and those in special need, then to the stranger, and then to the others. I visit for my Sunday school, too, every week.

Last year during the Christmas holidays, to open up the Sunday school, we gave a free tree and went out into the "highways and hedges" and invited those not in Sunday school to come; and when we got them there, we announced that we would have Sunday school the following Sunday. The day, however, was disagreeable and only two came; but we have had a continual increase in attendance and interest, and from the last Sunday in December, 1911, to the last Sunday in December, 1912, we had 218 different children in Sunday school, 118 the last quarter, including several nationalities. Our average attendance is fifty or sixty.

We have a small rented cottage and have removed the partition, but still we are crowded. We have two splendid volunteer helpers, Mrs. Loveless and Miss Boyd, and could have others, but have no room for them. We have also had during the year 150 Cradle Roll members, and, so far as I know, we have every foreign baby in the territory and lots of Americans. Some of them have gone back to Assyria, Roumania, Mexico, and other places; but we find that the work with the babies is one of the strongest ties between the worker and the parents and home.

First Methodist Sunday School gave my mission Sunday school a free Christmas tree and program and sent a special car for us Monday night before Christmas. We carried about eighty, and they were the happiest little crowd you could imagine.

We need an institution so badly, and we are planning to build right soon. To do the best work we must have equipment for social, industrial, and religious features, and we will have soon. The city and Conference are interested. I also have a Sunday school of little girls at Boulevard Church and lead the Bible class in the missionary society with the Boulevard women. I also direct the mission study class at McKinley Avenue Church.

Miss Ray, of the Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Bradley, from Central Church, and I have a service at the packing house with the girls once a week as they eat their lunch.

HOUSTON, TEX.—YOUNG WOMEN'S COÖPERATIVE HOME.

Miss Mary Ora Durham, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Mary Hanscom, Deaconess; Miss Nellie Wynn, Deaconess; Miss Carrie Turner, Office Assistant; Miss Audrey Wade, Housekeeper.

During the year just closed many changes have taken place in the work here. First, the Council appointed a new force of deaconesses. Then it was found best to change some of the activities of the Wesley House. The Mexican Sunday school was closed because the foreigners had scattered over the whole city, and the night school became affiliated with the Y. M. C. A. But the change that has meant more to the work than any other was the change of buildings. Early in the spring ground was broken for the new home that had been talked of and planned for for many years, and all during the year the progress of the work was watched with much pleasure. Christmas eve found us moved and settled in our new quarters, ready to enjoy all the joys of the Christmas season, with hearts full of gratitude for God's goodness to us. The change of buildings and the nature of the work made it necessary for our name to be changed to the Young Women's Coöperative Home.

It is very evident that our work has passed through the transition period, but it has been the means of better equipping us for the years to come. Through the combined efforts of the City Mission Board and the business men of Houston, we now occupy the splendid brick building, which is valued at \$50,000. The purpose of the Home is to give to the working girls of Houston a place to live where they may have all the advantages and the protection of a Christian home at a reasonable rate. The building is well planned, aiding us in our attempt to develop in those making their home with us the highest type of young womanhood. The physical needs are well provided for, as the little double bedrooms are comfortable and attractive, and good, wholesome meals are served. A laundry room with stationary fixtures gives them the opportunity of doing their own laundry work, at the same time exercising, perhaps, some unused muscles. A reading room and library are at the disposal of the family; also a literary club, conducted by a teacher of expression, meets twice a month. We strive to make the social life of the Home very pleasant, so that outside amusements will not be so attractive. Games are played, pretty little rooms are provided for the young ladies in which they may receive their gentlemen friends, and concerts, lectures, and parties are given.

During the year many delightful evenings were planned by the girls

themselves, while outside organizations gave us picnics, parties, and boat rides. Many charming features have been planned for our social life for this year, and to them those living in our district will be welcomed, as we hope to make of our Home a community center. In this way and working through the McKee Street Methodist Church, across the way, we hope to build up a real Christian stronghold. The Home is recognized as a Christian one, and as we gather for our evening prayer services we feel that the Supreme One is the head of the Home. At the beginning of the year a Bible study class will be formed, also a Sunday evening vesper service.

During the past year nearly two hundred girls have been in our home. Some are still with us, others have gone to distant cities to work, others have returned to their homes, and others to make homes of their own. We can accommodate sixty girls in our new quarters, and from the present outlook we will soon have every room occupied. While they are with us one of the deaconesses visits them at their places of work, meets their employers and friends, and thus keeps in close personal touch with them on the outside; she also finds positions for those out of work. She has been coöperating with the Y. W. C. A., giving two days each month to noonday factory services. The sweetest and most worthy feature of the Home is that it is not looked on as a boarding house, but as a real home, where some one is interested in the welfare of the girls and is ready to love even the most unlovely. The workers love and trust the girls, and they in turn give of their love and trust and respect, coming for the advice and encouragement which we all need some time or other. God has given us a wonderful opportunity to mold and train these young lives intrusted to our care, and the desire of all connected with the Home is that we may be faithful to the trust.

Statistical Report for the Year.

Number of girls in the Home.....	162
Number of new girls.....	102
Number given temporary shelter.....	12
Positions secured.....	51
Visits to shops, stores, and factories.....	60
Visits in the district.....	35
Garments distributed.....	20
Talks made.....	26

Miss Wynn, who is a member of our household and does the work of a Church deaconess in another ward, gives her own report as follows: "I came to Houston to begin work September 1, and I am sure that a happier deaconess than I never entered the field. When I came I found that I was to live in the Coöperative Home, but that my work would be in an entirely different field. The City Mission Board having in view the establishment of settlement work in the district comprising the First and Sixth Wards and in which is located Washington Avenue Methodist Church, I was set to the task of investigating conditions. I set to work at once, my plan being to enter every home in the district, make friends with the people, and in this way get them to open up their hearts and lives to me. I asked many questions, and thus gained all the information possible concerning their lives, both spiritual and social. Erelong I found that the problem was not that which we had thought it to be. Here we have not the poor at all, and very few of the needier element. The majority of the people are of the middle working class, and are a self-respecting though self-satisfied people.

With the exception of a settlement of Jews in our midst, there is no real demand for settlement work. Our people are dead religiously. Of the 10,000 Americans in our midst, not more than 2,000 are Church members, and of those one-third are indifferent. What we need is not a Wesley House, but a religious awakening. So I have converted myself into a Church deaconess and am assisting the pastor in bringing Christ to the people, and I am happy to say that we are seeing results. A spirit of enthusiasm is manifesting itself, the people are getting more religious, and the lost ones are being found. God is with us."

KANSAS CITY, MO.—INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss M. O. Shelton, Miss M. M. Rhudy, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss E. F. Fuess, Deaconesses; Miss Freda Dietrich, Kindergartner; Miss Eva Lowry, Music Director; Miss Edna Hardsaw, Nurse; Miss Cora Belle Green, Boys' Director.

The workers at the Institutional Church in Kansas City are very fortunate in having the sympathy and coöperation of the Board of Public Welfare and other social workers in the city. The complex problems which society presents make it necessary for all to work hand in hand in order to eliminate sin, to encourage a better environment, and to instill higher ideals and principles.

This has been a very prosperous year. We have over eleven hundred enrolled in our classes and clubs. These are under the supervision of sixteen paid teachers and one hundred and three volunteer teachers. Our winter classes close in May and the summer camp work opens in June. This year we had a farm with a house on it large enough to accommodate forty-five people. Not only the juvenile court children were given an outing, but all the members of our winter classes were given an opportunity to spend two weeks in the country as a reward for faithful work.

Miss Hardsaw, in charge of the baby welfare work, reports: "Until last June we had one of the depots of the Pure Milk Commission, but their work closed last spring. Our station would have closed had not a public-spirited man who loved babies made possible our depot. I visit in the homes and teach the mothers how to modify the babies' milk, how to keep the rooms clean and sanitary, and give any other instruction I can to make the babies well and strong. Two afternoons each week I spend in the clinic assisting the doctor with his work. We insist on the mothers bringing the babies to the clinic at least once a week. They take great pride in having their babies make a fine appearance."

Miss Rhudy, in charge of the children's work, reports: "My work is closely connected with the juvenile court, as our institution is a county detention home for the neglected children. Nearly two hundred different children have been sent us by the court in 1912, some staying only a few days, others several months. Thirty-five of these were babies, and through coöperation with the probation officer homes were found for twenty-two of them; four were restored to their parents, seven have died, and three are with us now. One day each week I spend at the juvenile court. Our day nursery cares for an average of twenty children daily. We have three paid nurses in charge of the children. The under-age kindergarten, having a daily attendance of twenty-four, is taught by a trained kindergarten teacher, and her salary is paid by an association of sixty women known as the Kindergarten Finance Club. We have a mothers' club, small in numbers but

enthusiastic, which meets fortnightly, having both social and educational features. On Sunday I have a class of boys from eleven to twelve years of age in our Sunday school."

Miss Fuess, in charge of the junior girls, writes: "The Junior Girls' Department has an enrollment of 250, between the ages of six and sixteen. Because this is the most impressionable age of the lives of these girls, we strive to crowd into them all we possibly can that will mean the highest development of each individual girl. In the kitchen-garden, household economy, and cooking classes three things are emphasized, system, economy, and neatness—three things that seem to be so entirely lacking in the majority of homes. In sewing and embroidery the girls are taught the value of neatness and taste in dress; in nurse-training valuable lessons are given girls from twelve to fourteen years on sanitation and prevention of disease, as well as simple remedies for more common diseases. The recreational features of this department, gymnasium classes and clubs, are especially helpful in developing in the girls a spirit of loyal friendship. As an inspiration we keep before us always the ideal of the perfect man and the divine Saviour, whom we would make real to each of the girls who attend any class."

Miss Green, in charge of the junior boys, writes: "Last year the total enrollment of the boys' department was 175. Last October when the gymnasium opened about 150 of the boys came back, and we now have 300 boys enrolled. Last December a basket ball team was formed, the first one, with Mike, Mendell, Jack, Joe, and Isadore as the five. They hunted in vain for a name, and at last decided upon M. J. I., a partnership name—in other words, M stood for Mendell and Mike, J for Jack and Joe, and I for Isadore. Shortly after this these boys wanted a club, and M. J. I. was unanimously adopted as the name. Then after much thinking, searching, and debating they adopted Might, Justice, and Intelligence as the meaning and aim. This club has a membership of fifty and two basket ball teams to represent them—the M. J. I.'s and the Royals. Later another club formed, calling themselves the I. C. A. C., Institutional Church Athletic Club. This club has seen stormy times, recalling their Mayor, resigning from office, etc.; but this year they are doing nicely with thirty members to their credit and two basket ball teams, Eagles and Stars. This year another club has formed under the name of C. M. A.; their membership is twenty-four. They have organized two basket ball teams, the C. M. A.'s and the Arrows. The C. M. A.'s are beginning to think themselves the champions, but only the games between the clubs and outside teams can tell."

Miss Lowry, in charge of the music, writes: "In the music department we have both the piano and voice work. The teachers are all professional women who give their services and make it possible for us to charge the nominal sum of twenty-five cents for the children's lessons. If it is impossible for the pupils to pay the twenty-five cents and they show any musical ability, we get scholarships for them. In the voice work we have a chorus of fifty voices. They furnish the music for our church services."

Miss Mutch, in charge of the young people, writes: "In the fall new plans were adopted for the young people's department; classes in different lines of work were opened, not only proving interesting but instructive. After the schedules for the work had been distributed, we were quite surprised to have a mother express a desire to enter the cutting and fitting class. Realizing the need of such a class, one was then opened, meeting in the afternoon instead of evening, as do

the classes for the young women. The appreciation of this one woman more than repaid any effort expended in behalf of this work. The class in manicuring soon outgrew the room they began in. The meeting of classes in the evenings makes volunteer teachers somewhat difficult to get, yet nine have been very faithful to the work. Interest in class work has kept up well, pupils in many ways manifesting their appreciation. The club work is practically the same as last year, constant effort being made to reach more girls. We have a senior choir numbering twenty; they have attended several institutions and furnished music on special occasions. The Sunday school class visits shut-ins and holds services of prayer and song. In and through all the work is the deep desire to show that Christ must have the preëminence."

The Sunday school is divided into four departments, with a superintendent over each department. Miss Mutch supervises the young people's department, Miss Fuess the junior boys' department, Miss Rhudy the junior girls' department, and Miss Shelton the primary department. Miss Mutch is also responsible for the vesper service held each Sunday.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Eva Waddell, Deaconess; Miss Irene Boyles, Missionary.

Since November the workers here have been domiciled in the beautiful and comfortable quarters, furnished by the proprietors of the Brookside Cotton Mills, known as the Brookside Mills Welfare House, the Wesley House being vacated pending some repairs. There are two workers here: the city missionary, working under the City Mission Board, and the deaconess, who is employed by the mill people for special work among their operatives.

Miss Waddell was given supervision of all club work, and my work was designated as special work in the Sunday school and assistant to Miss Waddell in the club work. As the Welfare House was not ready for us to begin work until late in the year, no clubs were organized until after Christmas. But we were not altogether idle during the waiting time. The Sunday school was taken up at once; and the greatest apparent need there being that of a primary department, permission was obtained from the superintendent to organize this department, and it has proved to be quite an advantage. The children are quieter, more interested in their work, and give a good average attendance. The department has been graded as nearly as possible according to age and school grade, and the graded literature has been introduced throughout the department. We consider ourselves exceedingly fortunate in having in our department refined, accomplished teachers and musicians from one of the uptown Churches.

A night school was also organized in October. Sixteen young people from an uptown League volunteered their services, coming in groups of four for four nights each week. The work here was carried on in the basement of the church; and when a series of revival services was inaugurated, we of course discontinued our school.

Thanksgiving was celebrated with a dinner, to which seventeen of the mothers of the community were invited.

The revival was well attended and a great deal of interest shown, but few conversions resulted and no accessions to the Church.

Christmas was observed both in the Sunday school and in the Welfare House. The tree, with its many decorations and gifts, was the generous gift of the four uptown Churches represented on the City Mission Board. Gifts for one hundred children were provided. Gen-

erous donations were made by others, and these were dispensed on Christmas morning to those who otherwise would have had no tokens of the coming of the blessed Christ child.

One great problem we have had is that of children who do not attend the public school. There were two reasons for this: First, the children were in many instances not well enough clad to go the long distance, and during the rainy winter months the roads were too muddy to admit of much travel by little unshod feet; secondly, there is an alarming indifference on the part of the parents. The vacant Wesley House offered a solution. The City Mission Board was consulted, and we opened school with eight children on January 8. Since then the enrollment has gone as high as forty-five. Sickness among the children and the moving away of several families have caused our number to decrease, but we still have an encouraging attendance. Of course some have been attracted by the novelty of the work; but we have quite a number of those who did not attend school anywhere at all, and we feel that, in a degree at least, our original plan is being carried out. While we endeavor to give them adequate instruction in their textbooks, we would feel that our work had failed did we stop with this. We are trying to give them the real lessons of life and to instill in them the ideals all too sadly lacking in many homes.

As stated before, Miss Waddell has supervision of the club work. On Tuesday evenings we have the young women's club. We are planning to have some kind of manual work each time and to combine with this some literary feature. Our aim is not so much to have an organized club as to bring these young women into our home and give them as best we can some realization of the better, higher, and truer ideals of life. Last Friday evening the club members were at home to their friends at a valentine party, which seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

On Wednesday afternoon the mothers meet; and after a Bible-reading and other devotional features, they sew on gowns, sheets, and other articles for the clinic. We feel that this is going to be a helpful feature of the work, bringing the mothers together for a devotional meeting and helping them to help themselves and their less fortunate neighbors.

A very interesting club is the kitchen-garden club, in which little girls from ten to fourteen years of age are taught useful lessons in the art of home-making and keeping. On Saturday afternoons the little girls gather for their sewing lessons. Here they are given lessons from the most elementary grade to making garments for themselves. With busy fingers, songs, and stories, the time seems all too short, and the children are prone to linger even after good-bys have been said.

We feel that our report would not be complete without some mention of the loyal support given the work by the Epworth Leaguers of the up-town Churches. Every appeal has met with willing and adequate response, and much has been done without solicitation.

Miss Waddell, deaconess, writes:

"The work for the year has been very gratifying in many ways. From January 1 to July 1 five clubs were conducted each week. Through these clubs we have tried to reach all ages of children by planning work best suited to each age; and then by appropriate stories, song, and prayer we have tried to impress on their hearts and minds the truths taught. The majority of the children are very responsive and enter freely into all the work. One of the most interesting clubs was the little housekeepers' club that graduated. They took up all

phases of housekeeping, often spending one hour each week for three weeks on one lesson that the work might be thorough and each child get a chance to do the actual work, such as cleaning a room, making a bed, setting table, or serving a meal. They were always sorry when the club was over.

"The interest was equally as good in the sewing school and other clubs. Really, it is remarkable to see the interest of the children when there is such a spirit of indifference on the part of the parents to anything, even school, for their children.

"The only hope, it seems, for the homes is the friendly visiting. The mothers, with so many duties and little ones, make no effort to get beyond the walls of their own rooms, except in a few instances when they have come to mothers' meetings. But they are so glad to have us visit them, and we have often had opportunities of serving them in case of sickness and death. We have conducted funeral services when a preacher could not come. We have had several chances of advising in divorce cases, as well as planning for marriage ceremonies, etc. There are indeed many opportunities for serving. And we are so glad that we can see that some things are being accomplished. Above all, our highest aim and the one aim in all things is to bring them to Jesus Christ.

"The fall months were given almost entirely to visiting and looking after the sick and planning the work for the new building furnished by the mill. It is a nice, comfortable building where the club work is conducted and where we are at present making our headquarters. We have had several social affairs for the young people that are proving very successful.

"With the new equipment for the new year we are expecting even greater things for the work, for we are trusting in Him whose promises have never failed and who has said: 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"

LEAD BELT, FLAT RIVER, MO.

Miss Connie Fagan, Deaconess.

As the name indicates, this is a lead-mining district. It is composed of several towns close together, and Flat River is the center for our work. There is a large population of foreigners working in the mines. The men are more in number; a great many leave their families in their native country, expecting to send for them. I have seen the husband greet the wife and children as they would arrive, and it is a joyful greeting.

There are a number of Protestant Churches in the Lead Belt. The responsibility of giving the gospel to the foreigners rests upon our Church, for we are the only one that has work among them.

Four months last year I taught a class in English for the men and women. I enjoyed teaching them, for they were eager to learn our language and our ways of living. To have these classes will be our point of contact in winning them and teaching the true gospel of Christ. I also had a class among the children, teaching them sewing, and also the story hour.

It makes my heart glad when we can add one more Wesley House to the number. The Lead Belt Mission Board has bought a lot and house in Flat River. The house is being remodeled, and in a very short time we will open work in our new Wesley House. It is a great joy to me to see my heart's desire realized. When I tell the women that

they can come to see me there, they are glad of a place to go where they know they will be welcomed. The various departments will be opened, and also a Sunday school will be organized for them. I have distributed some tracts and Bibles in their own language.

LEXINGTON, KY.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Frances Scott, Deaconess, Head Resident.

Our work here in Lexington is promising, although a new enterprise, located in a town of about 40,000 people, with the wealth of the blue grass country centered here. The women saw an open door for much-needed work. The business women employed in the many retail and wholesale stores and shops had no place in which to get a lunch or spend the noon lunch hour or any place in which to rest. The women of the Church took advantage of this need and opened a lunch room in which they served a well-cooked and well-planned lunch at most reasonable rates. The work has grown steadily, and now we have a real co-operative home. An average of seventy-eight per day attended the lunch room during the last three months of the last year. The rest room, with its piano, books, and comfortable places to rest, is very much appreciated by them.

Daily intercourse with these splendid women of industry brings many opportunities for helpful service. Conditions under which many of them labor are brought to the notice of the head resident, and investigation has led to the bettering of some conditions. Public sentiment is being aroused that will lead to a change in these places where the laws are openly violated.

Besides the lunch room feature, we have the regular roomers, young women with no homes in the city, who are dependent upon their own resources, and who are making such low wages that it is impossible for them to live in the better boarding houses. Our limited quarters are kept crowded, and many applicants have to be turned away. Here we are able to put around these girls, some of them splendid young women from the mountain counties who come down here after the schools are closed that they may further pursue their studies, such influences as are to be had in a Christian home. Our home life is very pleasant, and the young women show appreciation for all that is done for them.

The women of the Board see such possibilities along this line that plans are already on foot to obtain and equip a larger and better-located home in which to establish a coöperative home.

The travelers' aid deaconess employed at the stations here lives in the home with us, and is a help in bringing into touch with the home women and girls who are found in these places without friends and in need of a transient room. We have been able to minister to many in this way.

Our endeavor is to let our lights so shine that they may be constrained to glorify Him whose we are and whom we serve.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Ellen Douglas Gainey, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Eunice Segars, Deaconess; Miss Cornelia Wicker, Deaconess; Mrs. Carrie L. Bond, District Nurse.

This has been a good year. The statistical report shows an increase in attendance and also a greater number of clubs and classes than heretofore. New features have been undertaken and have proved suc-

cessful. For the past five months there have been only two resident deaconesses, and so more of the class work has been done by volunteers than last year. We have been very fortunate in our volunteer helpers.

Miss Segars and I have spent a great deal of time with our young people, and the result has been a deepening of the Wesley House spirit among them. This has been most gratifying to us, for they are sure now of our interest and sympathy, and they feel more and more that the Wesley House is theirs to use and to enjoy.

Several fine lectures and musicales were enjoyed by our people during the year. Through the courtesy of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, Wesley House had the use of their traveling art exhibit for ten days in April.

Wesley House took part in the Child Welfare Exhibit held late in the fall. This exhibit was perhaps the greatest eye opener the city ever had, and we expect great permanent good to result from it.

We have membership in the Social Workers' Conference, and this contact with the other social forces of the city is most pleasant and helpful.

Miss Segars reports as follows: "This has been a year of progress. As one of the workers did not return, I have had to divide my time between the boys and the girls. My weekly schedule has consisted of six clubs, besides the library work and the reading room. I have divided time with Miss Gainey in the game room. In addition, I have supervised several clubs conducted by volunteers. During the welfare exhibit several of our classes gave exhibitions of their work. One of these live exhibits was a relay race in which our junior gym boys won over the Baptist settlement boys. The boys of this class have bought their own gym suits, paying for them with nickels and dimes which would otherwise have gone to a cheap picture show near us. Our young men have organized themselves into the Wesley House Athletic Club. They belong to the Amateur Federation of Athletic Clubs, and have done fine work in basket ball, winning four of six match games played with other teams in the Federation. Our young ladies are also becoming very enthusiastic over gymnasium work. These young women are from the factories, stores, and offices, and the exercises and games are very helpful to them. We believe a well-equipped gymnasium is our greatest present need for the work here. We are using our assembly hall now, and our equipment is very meager. One of our hard but interesting problems has been a gang of boys which had full possession of our back yard when we returned in the fall. This gang of twenty was typical of the East End, and had very little regard for the rights or property of others; but we knew there were possibilities in them, and so spent much time in trying to win them, and they were won. Some of them are now among our most dependable boys."

The Milk Fund Association still conducts a pure milk station here. Their nurse has done very efficient work with the babies and their mothers. The weekly conference with these mothers is most interesting, and the instructions given by doctor and nurse are invaluable to them in the care and rearing of their babies.

Of the general plan and purpose of medical social service at the Wesley House Dr. J. D. Trawick makes these forceful statements:

"An intimate study of the cases that come to the Wesley House clinic discloses an interesting state of affairs. By far the greater percentage of those who apply for relief from some physical complaint present a social condition more potent for misery than is the ailment for which a remedy is sought. The discomfort, or supposed disease,

is not infrequently found to be a trifling circumstance as compared to the greater reality of poverty or error or deliberate sin of which the ailment may be no more than a surface marking.

"In the increasingly large number of cases requiring the removal of tonsils and adenoids we are seeing expressions not merely of disease and poor development, but of inefficiency, hunger, crowded sleeping places, and no play. The removal of tonsils and adenoids becomes tremendously effective for health when windows are opened, fewer children put in a single bed, better food supplied, and jobs secured so that the children need not work but may play.

"A mother applies for medicine for continuous headaches; but the heavy eyes clouded by dark circles of fatigue, face lined with the marks of futile struggle with a problem she cannot master, the startled expression and ready tears that come in answer of assent as the real secret is gently uncovered by doctor or nurse—all are but symptoms of a deeper malady that must be understood and treated before the poor head can be given relief.

"A fretful baby frightened by unaccustomed faces clings hungrily to a mother's failing breast, seeking nourishment that is not there. Strength and blood and baby's milk have gone to feed the fire of life, that efficiency might be maintained in part at least. To answer that mother's request and give her merely 'a tonic' would be as pitiless as to laugh at her plight or to taunt her trembling timidity. But to give the baby food fitted to its need, then find the provider—man—and check his drunken waste of weekly earnings, so that the pay envelope may even be brought unbroken and tossed into the mother's lap, then clear the way for sunlight and unbreathed air is to loosen the cords that bind the burden upon the tired back. Give this mother then some chance for association with her friends, let her learn again to play, and the transformation cannot be credited to medicine but to a new realization of what 'the healing art' implies.

"Medical social service discovers pain and finds that maladjustment is causing the friction. Dislocations and fractures may occur in one's spirit as well as in the anatomy.

"The increasing number of mothers who look happy, the growing children, cleaner homes, better food may to a certain extent be accounted for by better jobs; but in most instances there has been merely a readjustment enforced by the medical necessities. These are evidences that not all we do is mere toil; this weariness of body and spent sympathy is not, then, like the smoke that flies with the wind and is lost; but this is service that may save even both who *serve* and who *suffer*."

MACON, GA.—SETTLEMENT HOUSE, BIBB COTTON MILLS.

Miss Martha Du Pree, Deaconess, Head Worker; Miss Etta Heflin, Deaconess.

One year ago as the time came for report-making we were rejoicing over what seemed to us then a wonderful progress in our work. The mill owners had given us the use of a five-room cottage. The two front rooms and the hall were turned into one room. This gave us a room for social gatherings, boys' clubs, sewing school, and night school. One of the rear rooms was fitted up as a domestic science kitchen, the other used for night school and a waiting room. The kitchen proper was made into a clinic. This house is not the most desirably located, so we asked for no addition. Boarding uptown and carrying on seven lines of work in another section was not the most desirable for the

work or the worker, but that seemed to be the best arrangement for the time being.

This house was opened the latter part of February, 1912. A main feature was the night school, closing in the summer and opening again with the public schools. An appropriation of five hundred dollars per year made by the City Council enabled us to have three salaried teachers. These teachers are from the high school. The school is divided into three groups: First, the grown pupils from the fifth to the eighth grade; secondly, the boys and girls under sixteen; thirdly, the grown students in the first to the fourth grade. My time in the night school is spent in general supervision and in assisting the teacher of the last-named group. To teach grown boys and girls to write their names and to count to a hundred is a service that brings much joy.

The activities of the boys' clubs have been necessarily simple. Having no regular gymnasium, we have been handicapped for room. But the boys have come, both junior and senior. The nature of both clubs is athletic. An officer of the State militia gives military training, and the physical directors from the Y. M. C. A. have given valuable assistance. The great event of our boys' clubs was the hallowe'en banquet. No trouble nor expense was spared, and their joy and appreciation more than repaid us.

Some very satisfactory work has been done in the clinic. A volunteer visitor gives three mornings a week looking after the patients. A number of children were vaccinated and later placed in school. At present most of the work being done is for women and children.

The sewing school has proved attractive to a large number of the younger girls. A class of the older girls have in one year finished the two years' preparatory course and are ready to begin garment-making.

The Sunday vesper service is planned for the young people. The singing is the main feature to them, but they have enjoyed the studying of the Old Testament characters. Our young people are hungry spiritually, and we are now beginning to pass them on into the Churches.

For many years the different Churches have operated a Sunday school for the mill people at Hawthorne Mission. This Sunday school has been transferred to the Settlement. The superintendent and the teacher of our young men's class come from the Baraca Class at Mulberry Street Church. Miss Landman has charge of our primary class. In addition to this, Miss Landman holds a story hour on Friday afternoons for the children of kindergarten age. The little folks say: "I never do have such a good time as I do at the story hour."

Saturday evening is social evening. The house is open to all. The work of this department has been splendid. The committee has brought to our people the best talent in the city. Concerts and musicales vary our form of amusement, and from forty to sixty young people greet us every Saturday evening. The students at Wesleyan College help us gladly on any special social occasion.

For the first five months the cookery classes were mine, along with all the other good things. Five classes per week were taught at the Settlement, with an enrollment of fifty-six. When Miss Heflin came, this line of work was turned over to her.

Miss Heflin reports: "The cookery department consists of six classes a week at the Settlement and two classes a week at the Door of Hope. Fifty-five girls and eight boys are enrolled at the Settlement. The boys' class is a supper class. There is also a supper class among the girls. These young people come direct from the mills and shops to the

Settlement, cook their supper, and serve it there in an orderly manner. These classes are a blessing to both pupils and deaconesses. We have our supper with them, teaching them many things besides the preparation of the meal. The course in cookery has consisted of simple lessons in the preparation and cooking of vegetables, bread, pies, cookies, soups, and candies. Remembering that almost every child has had little or no experience at home in cooking and that many of them cannot read or write, it is easy to understand why the work is slow. These girls are in earnest, anxious to learn, and are grateful for all we do for them. Their lives are already beginning to show steady improvement. I have a class in our sewing school, as we have not enough teachers. I have also a class of twelve-year-old girls in our Sunday school. It was a great surprise to me to learn that they know but little about the Bible and that they use the name of Christ in almost every sentence. The burden of the poor is great, and without Jesus Christ as our Saviour we could not bear the weight; but he has said: 'If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day: and the Lord shall guide thee continually.'

We have space only to mention the rummage sales, but they seem to have met a great need of our people. Our sales have numbered three this winter, and almost every day we are asked to hold another.

The Christmas festivities were marked with success. A tree for the entire membership of the clubs and classes was said to have been the best in town. A party given by the sewing and cookery classes to their mothers gave unselfish pleasure to the girls and an afternoon of merriment to the tired mothers.

MACON, GA.—DOOR OF HOPE.

Mrs. Knowles, Matron.

We feel grateful to God for what has been done this year in the Door of Hope. Twenty-three girls have been in the home and ten babies, six born this year. Nine of these girls have returned to loved ones. Two of this number broke their pledge. One girl is out in a good home. One girl and baby died. Three girls stayed only a few days, not being willing to sign the pledge card to stay two years. Two of our girls have married this year.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mollie Womack, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Lois Tinsley, Deaconess.

There were some handicaps to the work here in the early part of the year—the illness of one of the workers and the extremely rainy weather. The interest and attendance of the night school were not what they should have been, but the other lines of work did not lag.

Miss Sheider left the 1st of July for her new work, leaving behind many friends who remember her as "our first deaconess."

Miss Lois Tinsley came to us the 1st of September, and she has done excellent work.

As we look out upon our Wesley House, soon to be completed, we can truly say: "The Lord hath done great things for us." The City Mission Board has struggled bravely for six years in their efforts to reach this end, and now that it is about to be realized it seems too good to be true.

Our sewing school and story hour are crowding our present quarters

to the limit. Every chair is taken in the story hour, and some sit two on a chair. A fine corps of eight volunteer workers give their services weekly to these clubs.

In November the City Board of Education agreed to take charge of the night school, thus giving the deaconesses more time for other club work and for visiting.

The number of books in the library has increased to two hundred. These are eagerly read by the boys and girls. Books have been loaned from the library during the year to the number of 1,151 times.

Some of the charity work done by the deaconesses during the year was: Garments given to the poor, 258; papers distributed, 702; bouquets carried, 135; delicacies to sick, 360; patients placed in the hospital, 20; sat up with sick, 38 nights. The number of visits received at the Wesley House this year has been 1,270, and twenty social occasions have been enjoyed by the children and young people. The cottage prayer meeting, a Sunday school class, the missionary society, and the Epworth League have all furnished opportunity for service.

Miss Tinsley makes the following report: "Although my heart was filled with gladness, it was with fear and trembling that I entered Meridian on the night of September 4, 1912, to begin my work as a deaconess. These four months of special service in the Master's vineyard, however, have been a source of joy and of spiritual uplift. It has been my privilege to make an average of one hundred and fifty visits a month. In doing this I have had the spice of life, for each day has brought forth a great variety of experiences. I have been plunged from a scene of poverty and sorrow, caused by pellagra which ended in death, into one of gayety where the young people were entertained at a social gathering; then from telling fairy stories to the little ones to reading the Bible and having prayer with some shut-in. I have received much pleasure and help from teaching a class of intermediate girls in Sunday school. A club was organized the 1st of November amongst the twelve- and fourteen-year-old boys. They meet one evening a week and play games for an hour under my direction. Then they listen very attentively to the reading of some special story in the *Youth's Companion* or a book suitable to their age."

MEMPHIS, TENN.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Janette Haskin, Kindergartner.

The new Wesley House is a most conveniently arranged cottage for our work and a home.

Our first work this year was to get ready an exhibit for the Wesley House booth which the City Mission Board maintained at the Tri-State Fair. This was done in the hope of putting the work more before the public, and was a successful project. An illustrated leaflet, "The Settlement or Wesley House Movement," was printed for distribution during the Fair, and this has also been used for distribution throughout the Conference to the missionary societies. As a result several have made inquiry of the Wesley House workers of how they might start such a work in their home communities. This has given opportunity for urging such young women to enter training for the work.

My happiest days have been those in which I have spent most time visiting in the homes, knowing the mothers with their children, and thus getting close into the hearts of our people.

The splendid coöperation we have with the visiting nurses and Associated Charities greatly adds to our work. This coöperation with the Charities, together with the clothing received in boxes from societies throughout the Conference, has enabled us to very satisfactorily respond to the calls that come from our people who are in need of such material help.

The work in all the departments has been interesting and encouraging. The boy carpenters' club is composed of boys from twelve to sixteen. Instruction is given by a young man who well understands work with boys. They make useful articles of furniture to be used at the Wesley House or by their mothers at home. One boy just finished a very nice medicine chest for a Christmas gift to his mother.

The younger boys are organized into what is known as the Wesley House Juniors' Club, of which Joe, a little Jew, is President. The business session conducted by the President, the story told by an interesting story-teller, and the handwork are all interesting features of the weekly meetings; but the one thing of most interest has been the savings bank. The deaconess is the banker, but each boy by depositing one cent or more gets a bank book with his name on it and his account carefully kept within. The account of which we were proudest was that of the youngest member of the club. It amounted to twenty-five cents at Christmas, but its value was infinitely larger in that it had meant a lesson in saving and denying. Many times had I heard the boys on the street say, "Joie, buy some candy and give us a bite"; but Joie would shake his head and come marching to the Wesley House to deposit his penny or two pennies and present his book for credit.

The Little Housekeepers, or "Willing Workers," have done a good work. The week before Christmas they entertained their mothers and demonstrated what they could do by making a bed and setting a table in the presence of their guests. They then answered questions as to how they did certain things and why they should be done that way. As a result of this class with these children of ten years and younger I learn that in their homes the bedroom windows are being left open at night and that fresh air is being let into the house.

The sewing school has been well attended; and the graded course, which has been used for several years, continues to be very attractive to the children, and results have been very satisfactory indeed. Several of our girls will graduate next spring. Before many weeks they will begin on their graduating dresses.

Miss Haskin writes: "On opening the kindergarten this last fall the outlook was rather discouraging, but it has grown in numbers steadily. We have been blessed with able assistants, which has meant the accomplishment of greater good in the lives of the little ones. The most gratifying thing of all, though, is the interest shown on the part of the mothers who are sending children to us. Not only have we the opportunity of molding the lives of the children at this most impressionable age, but of touching the lives of the older ones, whose hearts grow tender through love and kindness shown their children. May we be used of God to strengthen and help those who need us!"

MOBILE, ALA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Salina Monohan, Deaconess; Miss Maybelle Marshall, Deaconess.

Truly our "soul doth magnify the Lord, . . . for he is good." It is with a heart full of gratitude that we make this report. The past

year has been one of moving and camping. We are now beautifully housed in our new Settlement Home.

During the past months we have tried to keep the work together with visiting and through our mothers' club. The club has met regularly each week in a private home, and God has met with us. At our Thanksgiving service it was precious to hear what our dear mothers were thankful for. One was thankful that her husband had given up drink, another that her husband had given his heart to God, another that she had regained her health after having been a helpless invalid, another for friends amongst strangers, and another that she had ever been brought in touch with the mothers' club. During the months when the club was homeless, while the new building was going up, they raised forty-two dollars toward furnishing the new clubroom.

At Christmas time a dear friend of the work who had lost a child and who had never had a Christmas tree in her home offered to entertain twenty of my children in her home. It was indeed a party after the most improved order. The parlors were beautifully decorated. The long lunch table was a joy to behold, and every little heart was made glad with a little crocheted pocketbook, with a nickel in each one, at each plate. They had the grandest Christmas tree, ablaze with incandescent lights, and a Santa Claus with a beautiful present for every child. While the children enjoyed the party much, I think the family enjoyed it more; for the gentleman, with tears running down his cheeks, would say: "O you sweet, sweet children!" The family say it was the best Christmas they ever had in their lives.

While the new Wesley House was in process of building I was able to nurse a patient, and in that way make enough to furnish the kitchen completely—gas range, linoleum, shades, and some kitchen utensils. We placed one boy in a detention school for six months. He came out indeed a changed boy.

Our new Settlement Home is beautiful. All the woodwork is finished in Old English mission. You enter a reception hall which leads to the clubroom and library. The schoolroom is a large, beautiful room with sewing room adjoining. Back of that is a clinic and waiting room. On the other side of the hall (southern) is a day nursery, rest room for babies, and a bathroom. The clubroom will be furnished by the mothers' club, the day nursery by the young ladies of St. Francis Street Church, and the library by a dear friend. The library will be open day and night to the men and boys of the neighborhood. Upstairs are the workers' apartments, five bedrooms, one large detention room (where we hope to care for stranded girls, etc.), dining room, kitchen, and sitting room. Two of the workers' rooms have been furnished—one by a young lady who has just come into her own money, and another by the Montgomery friends of Miss Marshall, who has recently come to us. Our earnest prayer is that God shall make our Settlement Home a life-saving station set like a lighthouse upon a hill.

MOBILE, ALA.—DUMAS INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Dora Hoover, Head Resident.

The past year brought its share of problems and difficulties. There have been victories and *seeming* defeats. The Sunday school has grown in attendance and interest. We enrolled one hundred and eighty, including the Cradle Roll.

Although many of our night school students are in the first and second grades, they have made rapid progress. There have been more

students in the night school, owing perhaps to the fact that we have three boys and one girl off in industrial schools. Letters from these and occasional visits from two of the girls inspire others to want an education.

The mothers' club is now doing its best work. The members of the club are interested in the different departments of the work and lend a helping hand whenever they can.

While the sewing school is better attended than last year, it would be better if we could secure more teachers. We hope to be able to do this soon.

Miss J. Week, who came to us two months ago, has charge of the young people's work. Her girls' club had an entertainment which would do credit to any club. A young man from Mobile assists her in the boys' club. Both clubs have promise of success. She frequently gives social evenings to the young people, as they have no other means of social life.

The problems of child marriage and marriage of the unfit have come to us; and although we failed to prevent the marriage of the contracting parties, yet our efforts in this direction have caused others to look more seriously upon matrimonial relations. Our first rescue case, which occurred only a few months ago, caused a great deal of excitement and opposition, but that too has had a beneficial effect upon the community.

We expect in the coming year to reap results of seeds sown in the past year. The future is full of hope.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—WESLEY HOUSE.

*Miss Bessie Allen, Head Resident; Miss Sue Herrick, Kindergartner;
Miss Annie W. Rector, Missionary.*

Miss Bessie Allen was called from Nashville to be with her mother, who is ill. Miss Rector has kindly filled this gap and submits this report: "Coming to the Wesley House in the busiest time of the year, I have not had time to realize that I am a stranger, and, really, I do not believe that I am, for in my visiting as soon as I say 'Wesley House' I am welcomed and we become friends at once. The people in our district are a most lovable people. While at times our hearts are made to ache by the sin, suffering, and ignorance, there are other times when we are made happy by the examples which prove to us the power of His Spirit. Through Miss Herrick, with the help of young ladies from the Training School and volunteer helpers from the City Mission Board, I found that the clubs had kept up splendidly through the fall. My first work was the Christmas plans for entertainment, working with the clubs that were already organized, and visiting as much as possible. With the story hour, sewing school, mothers' club, and Sunday school, which we are associated with, we are looking forward to a kitchen-garden club, boys' club, and young men's club for the coming year, and we pray that our hopes may be realized."

Miss Herrick, kindergartner, reports: "This has been the very happiest year of my whole life. Our kindergarten room is, to my mind, the happiest and dearest spot on earth to me, as well as to our fifty-four children and two assistants. It is here where the children come together from a few clean homes and from a great many dirty ones, from homes where love is, from homes where both parents are untrue and unkind, and from all kinds of homes; and it is here in our happy kindergarten room that they all meet on the same plane and all have

the same chance. Here they are all given a chance for their little minds to develop, their little hearts to love, and their little bodies to grow: in other words, they become better girls and boys mentally, morally, and physically by being a member of our kindergarten class at the Wesley House. With such opportunities as these to help make these little ones better, we cannot let the moments pass by without feeling a great responsibility and often asking God to water the seed that we have planted in their hearts. Aside from my kindergarten work, I visit in the homes of our people two afternoons a week, teach the beginners' Sunday school class in the church next door, attend the mothers' club, and stay in the office and receive the people two afternoons a week. I heartily enjoy all the work and feel that God has given us a good year, for which we are truly thankful."

ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Miss Sarah Regan, Deaconess.

On arriving in Orangeburg on July 5, I began house-to-house visiting in order to get acquainted with my people and conditions here. Ere two months had passed I realized that my people needed to be taught how to help themselves and thus develop a spirit of independence and self-respect; hence a Wesley House was organized.

The work done in our mothers' club is along the lines of home-making. Already I have had the pleasure of seeing improvements in some of their homes. Their appreciation of what we have done for them is enough to inspire any worker.

As I ponder over my junior boys and the work they are doing, I feel that God has given me a great part in the governing of our country.

Twenty-five little girls assemble at the Wesley House every Friday to train their fingers to sew, their minds to think, and their spirit to grow. They are full of enthusiasm and life, and the impressions made on them at this most impressionable period will go with them through life.

Through my young ladies' club, the chorus club, and library I have made a special effort to reach our young people, and it has been my privilege to know the joy of reaping as well as sowing.

I have tried to make the work of the Wesley House a medium by which to bring the two phases of society together, and for our voluntary workers and friendly visitors I cease not to give thanks.

Our work is in its infancy; but we are progressing, for God is with us, and, working together with him, we cannot fail.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Nannette Hudson, Deaconess.

As I look back on the work of the past year, it is divided into two distinct parts. Much of the time during the first seven months was spent away at Conferences and on my vacation. We were a part of the Daily Vacation Bible School this summer; and although not a definite Wesley House activity, yet I enjoyed thoroughly my part in the work. None of the workers knew much of the methods of conducting such a school, but the teachers of at least three denominations tried to be of real help to the children who came. To our great surprise, the enrollment was more than two hundred, of almost every creed and some seven or eight nationalities. My part of the work was assisting with the sewing and having a daily Bible lesson for the larger girls.

As a direct result of the school, there has been formed a Child Welfare Association, which we hope will be a vital force for good in the future. Another result has been the organization of a Jewish sewing school at the Wesley House. We had almost phenomenal success, as the children enjoyed coming; but in December the rabbi became aroused against us, and one by one the children are leaving. This has been a real grief to me, as I felt that it was such an open door of opportunity.

There is no form of associated charities in Portsmouth, and our benevolences have been most haphazard, especially during the Christmas season. Seeking to guard against this, the City Mission Board and the King's Daughters Circle combined forces for the distribution of baskets and gifts. The success of the undertaking was rather overwhelming, as the gifts of money, toys, groceries, and clothes were so generously donated that we were embarrassed by our riches. We believe that never before have the people been helped as liberally or as systematically.

The City Mission Board has for a long time felt that there was a need in Portsmouth for a boarding home under positive Christian influences for the girls who come to our factories. There is, therefore, a change in our plans for the incoming year, and we are planning to inaugurate a home, which we hope will be a blessing to our working girls.

RICHMOND, VA.—METHODIST INSTITUTE.

Miss Hattye Sellers, Deaconess; Miss Nell Rogers, Deaconess:

Mrs. M. L. Stone, Head Resident of the Wilson.

The peculiar organization of the Methodist Institute has prevented a full report of its work appearing in the annual report of the Woman's Missionary Council. The institution is operated and controlled by two boards: one, the older, composed of representative men of the Methodist Churches; the other composed of representative women from the various home mission organizations in the city. The workings of these boards are so harmonious and closely interwoven that it would be difficult to say just where one stops and the other begins.

The first department of work undertaken was rescue work for men. The men's board operated this for several years before any organized community work was undertaken. About seven years ago a Woman's City Mission Board was organized, employing a lady to visit in the community. Later a regular program of clubs and classes for community people was introduced. One year ago last October the third main division of the work had its beginning. The Wilson, a coöperative home for the many factory girls in our midst, was opened. Now the institution has the three general departments of work—the care of homeless men, the community work with its various phases, and the coöperative home—each of which is maintained in separate buildings.

The two boards now employ six trained workers, and these are assisted by thirty-three volunteer helpers from the city. Rev. J. W. Dixon, one of the Virginia Conference preachers, and who was graduated from the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt in 1902, is the superintendent. His wife, who was Miss Margaret Denny, of Vanderbilt, gives much to the institution in making a home for us, conducting a boys' club, and teaching in the Sunday school. Mrs. Stone, who was for a time the Principal of the Virginia K. Johnson Industrial Home and later the head resident of the Coöperative Home, Waco, Tex., has been with us since the opening of the Wilson. Mr. Odsi Hinnant, a trained boys' work Y. M. C. A. Secretary, who attends Richmond Col-

lege, was employed one year ago to take charge of the boys' department. Miss Nell Rogers, one of our deaconesses, who came to us the 1st of August, is doing a splendid work in the house-to-house visiting and assists in some clubs. Miss Caroline Vandiver, a graduate of the Kindergarten Training School of this city, and who spent last year at the Froebel League in New York for further study, has charge of the kindergarten, and is assisted by two girls from the Kindergarten Training School.

The year has been a full one and yet a joyous one, because we were privileged to serve. The general class work is perhaps better than last year; but no new classes, except Camp Fires with the girls, have been started. Mr. Dixon and I spent some time in New York and Boston last summer, again studying in detail settlement work. We hope some time in the near future to introduce other plans of work which shall greatly increase the usefulness of the institution in the community. As the Institute grows, it is wonderful to see its suggestiveness to other agencies in the city. Through a popular propaganda from the Institute the orthodox Jews, of whom we have so large a number, have been inspired to start a settlement for their own people. This work is located in this block and was opened in October.

Coöperation with other agencies for social and religious betterment in the city has had a marked growth. Especially has the juvenile court proved a blessing since its beginning, about ten months ago. Just now we are giving the heartiest support to the organization for the betterment of housing conditions among the poor. This organization is of recent beginning, and is to make a more or less extensive investigation in the early spring in certain typical sections. We are to assist, and thus aid in securing that for which there is such a crying need among our people.

Miss Rogers reports from her work as follows: "There is certainly nothing humdrum or prosaic in the life at the Methodist Institute. The workers have no time to spend in mere idle dreams, but the life is one of constant ministering to the needs of our fellow man through so many different avenues. As district visitor I find the work most interesting. Looking up new children for the clubs, sewing schools, kindergarten, and Sunday school, looking after the absentees, getting the mothers interested in the different lines of work for the children and interesting them in the woman's club, to which many of them come regularly and always enjoy both the social and spiritual uplift, is a brief summary of this part of my work. All of my time, however, is not spent in visiting. I have the privilege of coming in touch with many of the boys and girls through the different clubs and classes. I have charge of one branch of Camp Fire Girls. We call ourselves the Pocahontas Camp Fire. Then I have a class in the boys' industrial club, in the sewing school, and assist with the woman's club. I also enjoy very greatly the evangelistic services. Just in the short time I have been at the Institute I have seen a number of men and women converted. One of my greatest pleasures is to bring my two little Syrian girls to Sunday school. Sometimes their brothers come too, but usually they 'are gone on streets'; so Syltona and Fotana are the only regular ones. They are so bright and love dearly to sing. One favorite song is 'L-o-v-e, Love.' They know about what time I usually come on Sunday afternoon; so when I knock on the door, the song begins on the inside, 'L-o-v-e, love.' Even the baby runs to meet me humming the tune. So the days have flown by all too quickly, and as from day to day I go from Sugar Bottom to Poverty Row I thank God

for these old hills of Richmond; for although my heart aches over conditions, still I can carry to these people the vision caught from the hill-top that 'God is love.'"

Mrs. Stone reports from the Wilson: "This Home was organized and opened a little more than fourteen months ago. While our time and space have been heavily taxed, we realize with sorrow that we have not altogether accomplished the work we covet. We are seriously handicapped by the inconvenience of the building, inefficient help, and the novelty of the movement with most of the girls. Girls who have had to battle with the world from childhood, feeling that no one cares for them and that it is only the money value of their labor that brings them any comfort or happiness, do not learn to appreciate a Christian home very readily. It seems hard for them to realize that people do these things from other than selfish motives. Consequently many of them spend much time and thought, such as it is, looking for the 'bug under the chip.' We are often made to feel that they look upon us as children sometimes look upon a stepmother. But by God's grace and the influence of Christian girls in the Home it seems to be dawning on some of their benighted minds that 'the love of Christ constraineth us.' My own work during the past year has been largely within the four walls. Since the middle of October the Home has had the appearance of a hospital, as we have had sickness galore. With the small salaries the girls receive, they can ill afford to lose the time. Frequently we have had to advance the money for the medicines they needed. We have planned and stretched our building till we can accommodate eighteen. We have been able to make the receipts during the year meet the expenditures, except the rent of the building, which is paid by the men's board. We furnish a hot breakfast at 6:20 A.M., lunches for the noon hour, and a nourishing dinner at 6:20 P.M., lights and fuel, hot and cold water for baths, nicely furnished rooms, and the use of a sewing machine for \$2.25 and \$2.50, according to the room. Verses are repeated by every one at dinner. The girls seem to take pleasure in memorizing and repeating these passages. On Sunday morning we give an exposition of the Sunday school lesson and have prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer in concert. Sixty-two have entered the Home during the past year and have paid \$1,794.18. The outlook is brighter, and we hope to be more like Mary and less like Martha during the 'coming year.'"

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Caroline Smith, Deaconess; Miss Effie Pate, Kindergartner.

The work in St. Joseph is now nearly four years old, and has lost the distinction of being the "baby settlement" of our Church. Following the illness and necessary rest last spring of its first head resident, Miss Sallie Miller took charge of nursery, playground, and house, with small volunteer help and one house assistant, until July, and during that time formed the nucleus for the music department. During the playground months the grounds were opened and lighted every Tuesday evening for the social use of the neighborhood. Music, storytelling, and games formed varied informal programs.

In September the local board reached out with yet larger faith and employed a third worker as club director. Because that phase of work has developed beyond all expectations, Miss Miller relinquished the work among the young people to another department. The young people have not come to us very readily, but there is at present a lively

club of twelve young women working in candy factories in North St. Joseph and in a laundry near us. There has been little more than social touch with the girls so far. They pay a small amount to a member of an advanced Y. W. C. A. gymnasium class uptown to give the club one evening a week in athletics. This is necessarily on a small scale, since the only lack of our dainty, attractive house is a large assembly room for general purposes. The Field Secretary for the National Playground Association made a recent investigation of the young people's social life in St. Joseph. Her findings bring deeper conviction regarding our particular need here.

The contrast between this mild winter and the bitter cold and the flood in South St. Joseph last winter partly explains an average attendance in the day nursery which was smaller this winter than it has been since its beginning. However, it has ministered in many cases of absolute need where it seemed the only solution of problems for the time being. The assistant in the nursery, Miss Kaucher, has touched definitely for Christ more than one of these little ones.

"Chaos" describes the charity work in St. Joseph. We hope for a better day; but in the meantime we are expected to dole out our share to the poor, even though it brands us as a "charity house." Our relief store fills a moderate need.

The music department is even yet in its infancy, but gives good promise.

The fire in December sent us to temporary quarters some distance from our people. The damaged house has been put in better condition than ever before, and we shall be happy to return next week to our "house by the side of the road."

Miss Sallie B. Miller, club director, writes: "The work of this department has been to organize clubs and classes among the junior boys and girls and a mothers' club among the American women of our neighborhood. In the boys' department three clubs have been organized. One is among the foreign boys, who would not by any persuasion be mixed with the American lads. A Boy Scout movement is holding a large number of boys from twelve to fifteen years of age. The Monday Night Club has attracted a number of the younger boys to the house. All of these boys meet on common ground, when basket ball is the feature of the evening, and to satisfy this cry for athletics a hall has been rented for their use. In the girls' department four housekeeping classes and a sewing school have been the 'open sesame' into many of the girls' lives and homes. The housekeeping classes include domestic science, housework, and adapted kitchen-garden. The domestic science classes have been taught in the kitchen of the Wesley House, using its pantry and utensils. The practical lessons in housekeeping have been taught in the rooms of the Settlement. But we hope to move soon into our model housekeeping rooms on the third floor of the Wesley House. In the mothers' club we have had the same struggle for existence that all mothers' clubs go through, but now we are well organized and meet regularly. A Christmas sale was the chief activity of the fall work. During the winter we had one of the visiting nurses of the city giving us medical lectures and practical demonstrations of how to care for the sick in our homes."

Miss Pate reports: "The work of the kindergarten department has been, of course, to organize the smaller children of the community and blend with theirs our lives in the kindergarten. Recourse into the hearts and homes of many through these children has been the result of these few months of labor. After the first few months in studying the field

and getting in personal touch with as many as possible, I have organized work among the foreign and Jewish mothers and feel great satisfaction in the work. I have seven clubs, four Jewish and three foreign. We meet in the afternoons in the homes of different ones. Our work for some time varied with the peculiar need. For instance, some had to begin with the first principles of cleanliness, while some could take up sewing, etc., at once. We had thirty-three meetings this or last month, and all were interested and interesting."

ST. LOUIS, MO.—KINGDOM HOUSE.

Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Cora Borchers, Deaconess; Miss Rose Breeden, Deaconess; Miss Sarah Louder, City Missionary; Miss Clara Stoetzer, District Nurse; Mrs. Anna Ehrengart, House Mother.

If the character of the work accomplished in 1912 were expressed in a word, it would be "better organization." This applies alike to the educational, social, and religious features, and also to the business end of the work. The team work has been fine, each excelling in her department, and yet all working together and into each other's hands. The social work of the city is in better shape and coöperation is easier. We all work to the same end, and that for better legislation, that we may have less discouraging conditions with which to contend.

By comparison with other years we realize that we have made progress. The summer activities, which began with the May Festival and closed with the Labor Day Carnival, were most successful. Miss Florence Whiteside, a junior from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, who had taken a special course in playground work in Kansas City, was in charge. Her manner was winning, and she proved to be very resourceful. Basketry, sewing, and shower baths were attractive features.

Kingdom House made a contribution to the Child Welfare Exhibit held in St. Louis in the spring. We furnished photographs for the screens, loaned them some of our equipment, and supplied several live exhibits. Our workers served as explainers. The aim of our work is to prove to the factory people that Christianity and the Church are indeed their friends and to bridge over the chasm which socialism has created in their minds. We offer a social center which may offset the saloon and cheap clubs. We show them that the aftermath of an evening spent with us is very different from one spent in a convivial club. We try to show the love of Christ through our day nursery clubs, classes, and clinic. Together with other similar institutions in the district, we are surely holding the forces of evil at bay and are reinstating individuals and entire families.

Miss Cora Borchers reports the following: "God in his goodness and mercy has abundantly blessed us in our Church and Sunday school, many new people having been added to our ranks. In some instances whole families have been reclaimed. Much of our time is spent in the house, and we feel that it has not been in vain. Two of our young men are in college preparing for the ministry. The boys in my Junior Baraca Class are a joy to me, and I see them one by one acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. Our day nursery, with an average attendance of fourteen, has been a great blessing to many poor little tots, most of whom have been deserted by their fathers. A more successful work has been accomplished in these homes than ever be-

fore, many of the mothers having been led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are made to realize just what the influence of Kingdom House means in the lives of our noonday lunch club and factory girls on receipt of a most grateful letter from one of them who has married and now has a nice home of her own. During the summer months I taught basketry on the playground, and in the winter had a class of boys. They are becoming quite efficient in the art of basket-weaving. Our Employment Bureau furnishes an excellent opportunity to reinstate families, not only of the nursery, but many others of the community. When they ask for relief or wish to place their children in orphan homes, we find employment for the parent, enabling the family to keep together and thus conserve the interest of the home."

Miss Breeden reports: "Two years and four months ago the present worker began her life at Kingdom House with the boys. Although there have been many hard situations to meet and conquer, yet the days and months seem to take the wings of the morning and fly away long before the allotted plan has been accomplished. Again with glad hearts we can report a steady upward trend of character in this department. We have not succeeded in every case, but many have grown and developed into a better young manhood. The means used to accomplish our purpose are manual training, cobbling, a history scrap-book club, basketry, gymnasium work, glee club, and game room. The latter has been unusually well attended and the play more closely supervised. In fact, this feature, which appealed to me at first as recreation only, now seems to be a large factor in the general character-building of the work. The night school is under our pastor's wife and the basketry under Miss Borchers. Both have done thorough, good work. The employment office for boys and young men has enabled us to do real constructive work in a good many lives. The boys have been placed in railroad and other offices, factories, machine shops, and others sent to the country. One of our young men has managed exceedingly well the registration desk, and has trained the boys to pay their monthly dues of five and ten cents. The boys' department has cooperated closely with other city organizations for the uplift of the whole child, such as employment bureaus, the juvenile court, and the Child Welfare Association. During the summer we were enabled to build a tennis court and organize the game among our young people, and we found that our Saviour's promise to the disciples of old applies to his workers of to-day; for we caught in that net a crowd of young men for whom we had been fishing more than two years. Some of our young men are helping with our own work, others are in night school here and elsewhere, some have become stewards and other officers in the Church, one is looking toward the study of medicine, and two are now in college preparing for the ministry. One of the brightest, happiest boys we have ever known was loaned to us long enough to train and prepare him for his work in a far-distant State. He has been used wonderfully in the social life of his Church and community and in transforming the life of his own home. After looking back over 1912, we thank God and take courage as we turn our faces toward the possibilities in the full dawn of the new year."

Miss Sarah K. Louder, in charge of the girls' department, makes the following report: "'No nation or its people rises higher than the level of its womanhood;" therefore Kingdom House, with all its activities for character-building, has endeavored to do its best in this department. Our enrollment has been excellent, and we believe our work has been strengthened and made more thorough. For instance, in our

sewing and cooking departments we have had regular courses. Diplomas are given to those completing the work satisfactorily. We also have had a larger number of volunteer teachers than in any previous year. We have had classes in sewing, cooking, housekeeping, kitchen-garden, dressmaking, physical culture, and two new clubs—Choral Club and Loyalty Club. The Choral Club consists of thirty young girls under a competent teacher who trains them to sing the best music, and their aim is to give entertainments. At Christmas time they sang old English carols at the City Hospital. The Loyalty Club consists of twenty young girls from my Sunday school class banded together to help one another and others. We wear a pin and meet once a month for a business meeting; occasionally a social is given. Our gymnastic work this year has grown. The Board of Education has given us the use of a school gymnasium and an instructor free of charge. This movement is an experiment, but we believe it should be advocated in many places. Our gymnastic work closed last May with a lawn fête. We had two Maypoles and several physical culture exercises, interspersed with music and songs. Many parties, picnics, and outings have been given the girls during the year. In our Library Department four hundred and eighty more books have been loaned this year than last. We have had a loan of books from the traveling department of the public library. Two young women have assisted with a story hour. Besides helping with the above activities, I have made seven hundred and fifteen more calls and visits than were made last year. Many of the homes have been helped to a higher plane of living and of life. We are trying to teach all under our influence that life counts most to those who put most into it, and daily point them to the One who said: 'I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.'"

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Miss Ella Bowden, Deaconess.

My field of labor is located in the midst of some 25,000 Mexicans in one ward of San Antonio. It is difficult to conceive of the poverty in which many of them live. They live in little huts covered often with old pieces of tin, while they have only dirt floors. Many suffer from cold and hunger. It has been my joy this year to go into these places of abode (we cannot call them homes) to carry sunshine and aid. I have been able to aid many in sickness and poverty by sending them to the free clinic at the City Hospital and securing physicians for them. We are very much in need of a visiting nurse, as there is so much sickness among the Mexicans, and I am sorry to say that they are sometimes very much imposed upon by physicians.

Our Wesley House is no longer a dream, but a reality. Right down in the heart of the Mexican district, our nearest neighbors the large Catholic church and priest's home and what we call the "Mexican corrals," stands a nice two-story, fourteen-room building which we call our Wesley House. The furnishing committee is at work now furnishing the building. We have enrolled one hundred and fifty in the school, with a regular attendance of ninety.

The Philathea girls of the Travis Park Church have done beautiful work as teachers of this school. Our Christmas tree and entertainment, conducted by one of our own little Mexican girls, was a real joy to parents and teachers.

I have a Sunday school class of twelve girls in the Mexican church, several of these having been won through our sewing school. I also

have a Sunday school class on Sunday afternoons in a saloon keeper's home. I am praying and expecting the entire family to be saved through this.

God has graciously blessed us beyond our expectation this year, and we thank him. We thank him for the privilege of serving this people. We thank him for the joy in service.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Edith Leighty, Deaconess; Miss Hazel Cooper, Missionary.

The Wesley House having been closed during the summer months, and both of us being new workers, the month of September found us busy letting the people know that the house was once more open. We have been very much pleased with the way everybody has received us. On the very first evening we were here three of the young men dropped in to see what the "new missionaries" were like, and the next evening the band to which they belonged gave us a most hearty welcome in the form of a serenade. This was but one of the many ways in which we found to what a warm-hearted people we had come.

Our night school has prospered from the first and continues to grow. Our average is considerably more than twice as large as it was last year. We have the first seven grades, the Wofford College students constituting our teaching force. Some of our pupils are so eager to get here that they hurry home from the mill, eat their evening meal, and get back to the Wesley House all in a half hour; and a rainy night has very little effect on our attendance.

Perhaps the most popular phase of work among the young women is the department of domestic science. Two classes have been organized, and the regularity with which they come shows their interest. The lessons are truly elementary, many of the girls having difficulty in following the simplest recipe. The City Mission Board has appropriated fifty dollars to enlarge and better equip this department; and when this is completed, we hope to be able to take care of the girls on our waiting list.

The girls from fifteen to nineteen years old have organized a Saturday night club which they have named the Merrymakers' Club. This offers no special line of study or work, but, as the name suggests, is a club for good times. Saturday afternoon the mill is closed, and when evening comes they all want to go somewhere, and we have taken this opportunity to get hold of these splendid girls. We have been delighted, as we have heard them say that our Wesley House is so home-like and that they feel free to drop in at any time. We know they are sincere, for many of them, whenever they have a day off, never fail to spend part of it with us.

I feel that one of the biggest opportunities I have ever had is my Sunday school class of young men. We have been steadily growing until at the close of the year 1912 our enrollment is about forty and the attendance unusually good. Many of these young men have had very limited opportunities, a few of them having been in the mill since they were seven or eight years old and the majority having entered at a very early age. Naturally they have some very distorted ideas and wrong standards, but I am counting on their enthusiasm and loyalty to help correct these.

The joy of keeping in touch with these many young people, so full of possibilities, and of trying to serve them is the greatest joy I have ever known.

Miss Cooper reports as follows: "My life has always been full of blessings and joys, but as I look over my first quarter's work 'my cup runneth over.' My Master has been so real to me as I have seen him in the lives of even the least of his. I have had the responsibility of the housekeeping, library three nights a week, game room, sewing school, Home Makers' Club, Sunday school class, and district visiting. The sewing school was organized last October with twenty-two; now we have an enrollment of sixty-six. The school is graded; but as this is the first year of graded work, we have no graduating class. We shall close with an exhibition of the best work done in each grade. This has been quite an incentive for good work. We are fortunate in having eight splendid teachers who are unusually regular in attendance. The game room is open three nights a week. It has been such a delight to see not only the junior boys but the young men enjoying crokinole, checkers, and dominoes. The boys are now coming in such numbers that we have been crowded out of our game room. The board has appropriated the money to equip a gymnasium, and the physical director of the Y. M. C. A. is to come out twice a week. Scarcely a night passes without my having an opportunity to have a heart-to-heart talk with some of my boys. Through the game room we have been able to get some boys into the night school and Sunday school who had never been interested in such things. The Home Makers' Club has an enrollment of forty-nine, with a splendid average attendance. In the club we have Mormons, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Wesleyans, Seventh-Day Adventists. One of our most enthusiastic members was running a 'blind tiger' not over fourteen months ago. Our motto is 'Others.' The reports at the monthly business meeting of visits to the sick, trays carried, needy families looked after, etc., show that the mothers are learning to think of others and to work for a better community. One division of the club is composed of young married women, some of whom work in the mill. However, they are so interested in this club that they get a substitute for the afternoon the club meets. This is a great people. O that they could be given a real chance to make of themselves what God intended they should!"

THURBER, TEX.—MARSTON HALL.

Miss Mary Wood, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Susie Mitchell, Missionary; Miss Ethel Read, Teacher; Miss Flora Lovell, Kindergartner.

Miss Mitchell reports as follows: "We cannot always determine what we have accomplished in our work by the outward results, and especially is this true of work among foreigners. One must be willing to toil faithfully on, planting the seed, waiting patiently for the harvest. It is a work that you cannot rush. Our foreign Sunday school continues to grow, and the attendance is splendid. Many of the children who attend the Catholic day school are regular attendants at our Sunday school. The Christmas entertainment was a source of great pleasure, being the first Christmas tree many had ever seen. We had a good program, after which the presents were distributed. The presents for each class were provided by some Sunday school in our district. The treat, consisting of apples, oranges, nuts, and candy, was furnished by the mining company, and the tarlatan sacks for these were furnished by one of the classes in our American Sunday school. The night school for Italian men offers about the only opportunity we have to come in contact with the hundreds of men of this nationality. Those

who attend are very much interested and are doing good work. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Wisdom, assists in this work. There are a number of Protestants among the Mexicans; and as we have no pastor for them, the Baptist Board of Missions sends a Mexican minister here to preach for them twice a month. These services are held in our school building, and we assist all we can. In the mornings I visit in the homes of the foreigners, where I receive a warm welcome. As they seem to know so little about caring for the sick, I have an opportunity to give helpful suggestions and assistance. I assist Miss Read in the day school in the afternoons. For five months this year I conducted a story hour for the American children, which they seemed to enjoy very much. I have two classes in kitchen-garden, teach the infant class in the American Sunday school, and have charge of the library."

Miss Wood reports: "As I look back over the past year, while I have been busy almost every moment, there are many things that cannot be accounted for in figures. After organizing the work last year, very few changes have been made. There has been a strengthening of the activities already in operation. The year has been one of joy, and there is gratitude in my heart for the way in which we have been signally blessed and cared for by our Heavenly Father. In a mining camp, where everything is owned and operated by a company, conditions are so different from those in a commercial or manufacturing center. We have the ever-present problem of adaptation to the passing needs as well as substantial building for the future. The population is so transient! For example, three times during last winter my weekly Bible class literally moved away; but there were always others to fill the vacancies, so the class continued to meet until July. I feel that this was one means used of God to help people to a better understanding of his Word and love for the Church. Our American Sunday school has grown in interest and numbers. We use the graded literature, and have now a corps of excellent teachers. The Junior Temple is a club for boys and girls in which they take a fourfold pledge to abstain from all intoxicants, the use of tobacco, profanity, and gambling. This pledge is adhered to, and we see a class of better citizens in the process of making. The sewing school has been a source of much pleasure and profit to the little girls of the foreign day school. The members of our own household conduct the classes. We have in connection with our missionary society a mission study class. The attendance is larger than the enrollment. I am leader of this class. We have charge of the public library, which is in our building. It is well patronized. Although there have been difficulties, there has also been much to encourage in every department of our work. While the result is not what we would like it to be, the all-wise Father can overrule the mistakes."

The kindergartner reports: "The kindergarten opened September 18 with eighteen present the first morning. I have since enrolled thirty. All of these are Americans except two."

Miss Ethel Read writes of the school: "At present there are sixty enrolled in the Italian school, the average attendance being forty-five. I have made one hundred and ninety-eight visits in the interest of the school since January, 1912. I also assist in the sewing school and foreign Sunday school."

WACO, TEX.—REBECCA SPARKS COÖPERATIVE HOME.

Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess, Head Resident.

Another milestone has been planted on the great highway of years for us. As we pause to reckon with the work, we find that the daily

routine has been much the same as in other years. Not so the results; we feel assured they have surpassed any previous year. The year 1912 has been a year of progress along all lines, and for it we thank our Father and our faithful women of the City Board.

It has been my privilege to make a home for ninety-seven young women, besides a number of transients who were with us for a few days and passed out from an influence which many have said deepened their desire to be helpful to others.

The ideal ever before us is to make felt the power and influence of a Christian home. The response has been felt not only in the home, but on the street, in the schoolroom, and in the place of business.

The Home has been self-supporting, and a number of improvements have been made. We are planning to fit up a laundry room for the use of the young women. The women of our board are untiring in their efforts. They have wrought well and own a valuable property here that all Waco is proud of.

Friends throughout the Central Texas Conference have shown their interest in our work by the many barrels and boxes of fruit and bed linen that have come to us. Thanksgiving and Christmas stand out as our red-letter days. The home-coming Thanksgiving was a great occasion and one that will be eagerly awaited for each year.

The Christmas week was characterized throughout by the message of the song that awakened our household on Christmas morning. Friends vied with friends to see who could bring to us the greatest joy. The spirit of matrimony invaded our ranks during the year, and nine of our daughters went into homes of their own.

My work outside the Home has been most delightful. The Bible study work in three different congregations, with more than fifty of our women studying God's Word together, I count as one of my greatest privileges. Once each week I hold a noon service in one of the factories. Almost every one of the fifty women there are Christians. Quite a few have grown in Christian courage and will in my absence hold the service.

The friendly visiting in the homes, in the jail, and the counseling with those who come daily to our Home fill up many a happy hour. After all, it is here a little and there a little, making the best of the opportunities that come, and with this faith we are ready for another year's work in His name.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess, Head Resident.

The year 1912 opened with the day nursery, sewing school, basketry class, and night school doing good work. Some of the work did not continue throughout the year, and some other has been taken up.

The day nursery continued until April, when for various reasons it was found necessary to close, and it has not since been reopened.

The sewing school, as always, has been full of interest to our girls and has been well attended. At our closing time in May we had completed four years' work in sewing, and three girls finished the required course. Appropriate graduating exercises were held and diplomas given. When we opened the sewing school again, in September, these three girls came in as teachers, and have been very faithful and valuable helpers all during the year.

The first part of the year the basketry class met with the sewing school for the opening and closing exercises, then separating for work, each seeming to thoroughly enjoy the work and never ready to stop when the time was up.

The night school grows more popular each year, and we are doing better work than ever before. The boys and girls are anxious to come; and in the fall a number of them gathered at the church several evenings before we opened, fearing that they might miss the first night. Nothing keeps them away, and even on stormy nights only those who live far away stay at home. Many of the boys who have to work late come from work to school without having had their supper.

One line of work has been attempted—the mothers' club—without much success as yet; but we expect to make it a success, for it is needed and can be done.

We have recently organized a boys' club for purposes of recreation. It meets every Monday night. It is made up of boys who work and have very little time for recreation of any kind and very little opportunity for clean and wholesome amusement. Through it a class has been added to our Sunday school. In this club and Sunday school class I have an opportunity to come into more personal touch with these boys than in any other way.

The work of the past year has been the most thorough and the most telling in results that we have done. Our volunteer helpers have seemed to feel more the responsibility of the work they have taken, and have given much interested and willing service. Hundreds of lives have been touched through our work, and it is very encouraging to note that many are being changed into better and more useful lives for themselves and others.

REPORTS OF CHURCH DEACONESSES.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

Alice S. Jones, Deaconess.

It is difficult to realize that a year has passed since I made my first report to the Missionary Council. As I look back over the months that have passed, there isn't much to tell of the work I have done. My days have been filled with visiting and attending the various religious meetings of the Church. It has been a happy, satisfying year. The Lord has been with me all along the way, and I thank him that it has been so. I have assisted as I could in the Sunday school work, and for the most of the year have been the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Society, having charge of the young people's society. This work has been a joy to me. For the rest I can only say that I have been a "filler in," just doing the best I could what there was to be done.

There have been many good things in the way of religious gatherings to enjoy throughout the year. There was a week of the Bible Training School held in our own church; later came the Annual Conference at the same place. These were great times for me, and now we are looking forward to the coming of the Council.

The people of First Church have been loyal to me and my work in every respect. This is indeed a great Church doing a great work for the Master.

BRISTOL, VA.-TENN.—STATE STREET CHURCH.

Miss Berta Thomas, Deaconess.

The past year, in which I have served as Church deaconess for State Street Church, has been filled with varied experiences. We began the year with a glorious revival in our church which lasted six weeks. After it closed much of my time was given to following up the new converts and those who had manifested a concern about their spiritual welfare. Among this number were a great many girls and young women of the working class.

We felt impressed that there was a wonderful opportunity for helpfulness to these girls if we could hold religious services regularly at their places of business. We therefore asked permission of the employers of several concerns to hold meetings with the girls during the noon hour. In two overall factories and one laundry the employers have shown themselves to be heartily in sympathy with us in this work. With the exception of a few weeks during the summer, we have held one meeting a week at each one of these places since last February. The girls are very responsive, and we feel that much good has been accomplished by these meetings. Several good women from our Church have joined with me in this work. Indeed, the women of the Church have shown a willingness to coöperate with me in any work which has been undertaken.

The work among the factory girls has placed me in touch with a great many homes among the poorer classes and has opened many opportunities for service. Since there is no Associated Charities in the town, we have been called upon to do a great deal of relief work among the poor and unfortunate. Clothing, food, fuel, and medicine have been given in many cases. We have helped care for the sick and poor in all parts of the town, outside our Church as well as within it. In one instance we assumed the care of an old preacher of another denomination who was sick but was being neglected by his own Church. He thanked God again and again for sending some one to help him in the time he needed help most.

I assist in all the departments of Church work where I am needed. My Sunday school class is composed of working girls, and is steadily increasing in numbers and in interest.

One girl has been sent to the Vashti Home and Industrial School, one to the Children's Home Society of Virginia, two to the Orphanage at Greeneville, Tenn., one placed in a home, and employment found for many.

I did not realize how very dear to me was this work until, because of illness, I was obliged to give it up for three months. Since my return, in August, my health has been good, and I have been happy in my work, for which I am grateful to our Heavenly Father.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—CENTENARY CHURCH.

Emma Burton, Deaconess.

The past year's work has been one of varied experiences and blessings, many things coming in along the way which cannot be tabulated, but which have taken both time and patience; it has been a busy year, fraught with many problems that were new and untried.

The work of 1912 has differed somewhat from that of previous years in that I took a very active part in a crusade against the social evil under the leadership of our pastor, Dr. W. E. Thompson, and Rabbi

Miller, assisted by Detective Krug, who is a very devout Catholic. It was not an effort to close all resorts of the city, but to confine the women to certain districts, supervise the operation of their resorts, and *gradually to eliminate them altogether*. Any girl or woman who wanted a chance to do better was given a temporary shelter in the annex of the church where I live until employment could be secured or she could be placed in an institution or sent to loved ones. Our fight with the white slave traffic absorbed time, strength, and money. We sheltered for weeks two girls and two others for a short time whose cases were to be tried by the Federal court. There were nights when we worked all night; and while we were misunderstood, misjudged, and criticized, we were not working for praise of man and realized that "It costs something to do something, but there is a blessed compensation: He comes not with a measure of justice, but of love." Many lives were touched, we trust, for good. We realize that results are in God's hands. The year has been filled with many duties; some perhaps would think them hard, but with my Lord to strengthen they have all become pleasures. Nevertheless, the work of the year has afforded abundant opportunity to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick, care for the dying, and, most of all, carry the gospel message to those who need it most. I have seen the power of this message transform many lives and comfort many hearts as it has my own heart so many, many times.

While Church visiting, visiting the sick and strangers, is a very essential part of the work, yet to attend the Church societies and committee meetings is also important. I count it a joy to serve the Lord as Church deaconess. Every day some added blessing is brought into my life, and it is always when I have done "something for Jesus." When I begin my day's work, I pray that my influence may be sweet and wholesome, that I may inspire some desponding heart, that I may cheer by my cheerfulness.

Christmas and Thanksgiving are seasons of joy. Centenary Church has a splendidly organized Sunday school; and this year, as in other years, we had a giving Christmas. The young ladies' class makes me an allowance each month for the emergency room, where we try to shield and guide the young and inexperienced, the timid and sometimes overtrustful girl who comes to our city seeking employment, and in some instances girls and young women who were expecting to pass most of the night hours alone at the station were brought to this room for safety and protection. Seventy-five persons, mostly girls and young women, have been kept overnight or longer and kept from possible ruin by a little timely help.

As I go trying to bring a little of God's sunshine into the lives of those I touch, I find that there is great satisfaction and joy in his service.

CLIFTON, S. C.

Alice Sheider, Deaconess.

I came to Clifton the 16th of August, therefore my report covers only the work of four and one-half months. The work here includes three cotton mill towns—Clifton No. 1, Clifton No. 2, and Converse—nearly a mile apart on the Pacolet River. We have a Methodist church at No. 1 and at Converse. At No. 2 we have an organized Church, but no church building, all denominations using the hall owned by the company. The larger part of my work is centered at No. 1. Here the Clifton Manufacturing Company gives a six-room cottage next door to the

Methodist church for our institutional work. This house has been used by the Church for Sunday school rooms and as a meeting place for the Epworth League for about three years, hence its name, "Epworth House"; but it had never been furnished and equipped for club work until this winter. In October the company fitted up three rooms as library and reading room and domestic science kitchen. They furnish fuel and lights and pay \$20 per month to the support of the deaconess. But, best of all, they are interested in the work and seem to watch every phase of its development with a keen and sympathetic interest. The rooms are neatly furnished and made attractive with good pictures. Our library now contains one hundred and forty new books and subscribes to several good magazines. Since it was opened, the 1st of November, it has come to be one of the most popular places in the community. It is open three evenings from seven to ten o'clock and Saturday afternoon of each week. During the first two months four hundred and thirty-four persons visited the reading room, many of them spending the entire evening, and twenty-seven books were taken out.

The young girls' club, composed of girls between fourteen and twenty, is doing splendid work in all departments. They meet each Monday night. Besides the regular devotional and business session, we have classes in embroidery, plain sewing by hand, and cooking. We also have a Bible class which meets two Sunday afternoons in each month. We are studying the book of Acts. With my help they plan a social evening at least once each quarter. In September it took the form of an ice cream festival, which gave all the young people a good time and left \$10.80 in the club treasury. At Christmas they invited their boy friends and had a real party, with decorations, refreshments, and favors suited to the season. The members pay 15 cents per month dues, and the club is entirely self-supporting. Through this club I am touching each week the lives of seventeen of the choicest young girls of this community, and I am striving to show them the "King in his beauty" and to help them to give their lives to him in loving, obedient service. I also have a sewing school for the little girls between the ages of seven and fourteen. My Sunday school class of thirty-one junior boys keeps me busy, but affords a large opportunity for service.

When I came, in August, I found that all the missionary societies had succumbed to the excessive heat of the summer. The presiding elder told me he would hold me responsible for this line of the Church work and that he would expect results. I decided that it was wiser to organize new societies than to try to bring the dead to life; so in September I organized at No. 1 a Woman's Missionary Society, with both home and foreign departments, with four members. This number has since increased to seven. Interesting meetings are held regularly, dues paid in full, three copies of the *Missionary Voice* taken, and \$10 is pledged for 1913. In November I organized a similar society at Converse with nine members, since increased to eleven. I have the honor of being President of both these societies, and through them I am striving to bring to our women a larger vision of the world's need, a larger vision of Jesus Christ and his ability to meet that need, and a clearer realization of their responsibility and privilege in helping meet the need.

My visiting in the homes brings me in close touch with my people, and offers large opportunity for service. Our homes here are scattered, and the hills are so steep that I find it impossible to do as much visiting as in a city district. Since coming here, in August, I have

made three hundred and eighty visits, conducted five funerals, and either conducted or addressed seventeen public meetings. It does not seem that I have done much, but I have been busy each day doing what I could and striving to reflect in my daily life the Christ, whose I am and whom I rejoice to serve.

COOLEEMEE, N. C.

Miss Josephine Guffin, Missionary.

Just a year and three months since coming to Cooleemee! This year has been one with many problems and many blessings also. My heart is sending up a song of praise as I think of the goodness of God to me, and I thank him for the privilege of serving him another year, for comfort in bereavement, and for help in every time of need.

My position here is somewhat peculiar, as I hardly know what to call myself, pastor's assistant or welfare worker, the latter being the name given me here. As pastor's assistant I have charge of the Junior League, teach the Philathea Class in the Sunday school, and try to help in any other way needed.

We are very proud of our Junior League. The Leaguers were very enthusiastic in raising the money pledged to the Children's Home. Part of this was given in a collection at a missionary entertainment given by the children; but the greater part was earned by the children themselves running errands, sweeping yards, caring for the baby, etc. Each penny earned was dropped into their mite boxes, and on opening them we found that we had more than enough to pay our pledge of fifteen dollars. So we decided to give eight dollars and twenty-six cents for Church hymn books. The Leaguers have been learning the books of the Bible, the Beatitudes, and other portions of Scripture. We are now studying the Catechism.

Our Philathea Class is composed of all of the women over sixteen years of age who attend the Sabbath school. We have had between forty and fifty on the roll most of the year. Most of the members are professing Christians, and I am very glad to note that some of them are studying their lessons better. At present we are raising money to fit up our classroom. We have had two membership contests—one with the senior Baracas, the other with the Juniors. The Baracas, failing in the contest, treated the Philathea Class to an oyster supper. But we found that the Juniors were more than a match for us, and because of the splendid effort they had made we were glad to treat them.

Our sewing school among the children is doing good work. Our average attendance is nineteen—all we can secure teachers for. One class has been recently promoted to the Little Mothers' Class. The children are very much interested and do not like to miss one lesson.

In October we organized a night school, the enrollment reaching seventy-five. Some of these ceased coming when the novelty wore off; but we still have a number of earnest, faithful students, and we feel that we have made a fine beginning. Our teachers are from the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches. We are very glad of this, as we do not wish the people to feel that the work is denominational.

My visiting is largely among the sick. In this way I find that I am often needed to sit up at night and to help nurse when other help cannot be obtained. While this part of the work has been hard, it has been such a joy to be of service and also a splendid way to get ac-

quainted. Being together in sickness and sorrow brings us closer together than in any other way.

There have been very few opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading in the homes; but we had many heart-to-heart talks, and we are praying that the desire may be created and the way opened for this also.

CROSSETT, ARK.

Miss Willena Henry, Deaconess.

As I write my fourth report from Crossett my heart is full of gratitude that the Lord has permitted me to serve him and these people for four years. It has been my privilege during this year to attend the Workers' Conference in Nashville, Tenn., and the Little Rock Annual Conference in Hot Springs, Ark., and through the liberality of Crossett friends to spend five weeks at Chautauqua, N. Y. Each of these privileges has been a source of information and inspiration.

Near the last of January I opened a cooking class at one of our logging camps, about four miles from town. Each Friday afternoon, and sometimes the whole day, was spent at this camp visiting the sick and strangers and conducting the classes for the women in the afternoon. Mrs. Holmes, our camp pastor's wife, had charge of the sewing class at the same hour in the same car.

Our night school was not as large as usual, but a larger number of boys did good work. The erection of a new mill near Crossett will add several hundred to our population; and as these people are to use our churches, the problem before us is to make them feel at home as soon as they arrive. The houses are being built slowly, and many are living in tents. We have begun work among them, and feel the importance of getting in touch with them as soon as possible. Many mill communities have no church or Sunday school, and the people have not formed the churchgoing habit; so with some it will be uphill work. We have had a great deal of sickness and several needy families. A rule in our Sunday school is to take a collection for the poor on Christmas eve. This is turned over to me, and with that money this year I helped four families.

My work with the Senior League has been very pleasant. I planned a dollar social to pay the pledge for the League missions. Each Leaguer earned a dollar and wrote a "poem" describing the way it was earned. These were read at an open meeting, and we found that more than \$25 had been earned. With this we paid our pledge. I try to help in every department of the Church. Having a class in Sunday school and being chairman of the missionary committee, I come in touch with every class in a vital way at least once a year. Our missionary society is doing the finest work in its history. We sent a box at Christmas to the Virginia K. Johnson Home, and are to furnish a room there, naming it "Crossett Deaconesses."

In February I placed three half orphans in our Methodist Orphanage in Little Rock, and our pastor afterwards found a good home for all three of these children. A change in pastors has caused me to have some office work, and several other lines of work have not been taken up.

Owing to my absence from work during the summer months, I can report for only eight and one-half months' work. I feel that had it not been for the skillful hand of Dr. J. D. Trawick, of Louisville, and the kindness of Mrs. W. M. Cloud, of Pembroke, Ky., and two of my

sister deaconesses I would not to-day be trying to serve my Master in this field. I realize as never before what it means to have friends and a Friend.

FORT WORTH AND NEW ORLEANS.

Miss Ida Stevens, Deaconess.

The year opened with me at First Church, Fort Worth, Tex., a work in which I delighted more each year. My special duty the last year was to look out for strangers who came to the city and keep in touch with every man, woman, and child who attended First Church. The strangers who were women I visited personally; the men I reported to our Baraca Class. I tried also to help in every department of our well-organized Church.

On the 1st of September I came to First Church, New Orleans. The work here is very interesting. A sewing school was already in operation. We have good meetings. The children hunt up the little girls all over the neighborhood and bring them. Jews and Gentiles of different denominations join our sewing school.

The Epworth League has elected me Fourth Vice President, and we have organized a fine mission study class.

In the Sunday school I teach a class of first-year juniors. I am also to organize a Home Department as soon as I get better acquainted. It has been a great pleasure to visit and occasionally conduct a meeting at the Mary Werlein Mission. Dear Mrs. Meekin, the Superintendent, is an inspiration to every one who meets her. My time is pretty well filled visiting. Many of our people move often, and I have gone to as many as seven places in one afternoon to find that a new family had moved in. I am making a new record as I find the people. A special joy to me is to visit a home from which a little girl was buried when I first came to New Orleans. The father was an infidel and had taught the children to think as he did. The little mother had once been a Church member and League worker, but his stronger mind had broken down her faith; so when this sorrow came, the home was desolate indeed. God let me be a great comfort here, and the mother has found peace again in Jesus Christ. The husband and father realizes that there is a God. He comes occasionally to church, and we are praying that he too may come to now Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

Every day brings some fresh joy in this blessed service for the King. I rejoice that he lets me wear a deaconess bonnet, and I praise him for strength to serve.

GREENWOOD, S. C.

Miss Grace Hemenway, Deaconess.

The need here is great, as great as in the cities. We are confronted with the same problems as in larger places. My work is among the people of Grendel Mill No. 1. The people live in a little village that is isolated from the other parts of the town. The work here is not two years old, but we have a nice beginning of a Wesley House. It is a six-room house, with four rooms on the first floor and two on the second. We are using only the first floor. One large room for entertainments is furnished with chairs and tables, another one is nicely furnished for a library, and a smaller room is furnished with chairs and tables. The house is used as a social center, and the young people have many delightful entertainments there.

Our night school began with seven, and now we have an enrollment of thirty-seven. In this school we have some of the best mate-

rial the community affords, and we feel that it is a great blessing to them. We have a sewing school composed of girls from six to sixteen, with an enrollment of forty; also two junior missionary societies, one for the boys and one for the girls, and a Woman's Missionary Society. We have planned to organize a mothers' club. The mothers need to be taught how to be better mothers and to be real home makers. We are planning to organize a young woman's club and to get medical supervision of the school in our community.

I feel that God has indeed been with me in the work here, and I praise him for the opportunity to work in this field.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—FIRST CHURCH.

Miss Cornelia Godbey, Deaconess.

Looking back over the past year's work, I find little which would call forth any comment or especial interest. Yet the year has been a busy one, so busy oftentimes that the words of that beautiful little song, "The Wanderer," have frequently recurred to me:

"I was working in the temple,
With my Saviour by my side,
Where the multitude assembled
In its misery and pride.
Glancing upward from my labor,
I just caught his distant smile:
'You have placed your work between us;
Come and talk with me awhile.'"

The greater part of the time has been spent in helping the pastor, Dr. T. W. Lewis, in his visiting. But this work includes a very wide field. There are the sick to be visited, troubled ones to be helped, and new members to be found and old ones to be stirred up; there are hearts saddened over the loss of loved ones who need a word of comfort or cheer, and those bearing still heavier burdens, "living troubles," worse than death, who need all the sympathy and encouragement they can get in order to bear their burden of sorrow.

The poor of the Church are my especial charge, and only those who work among the poor can realize just what this means—sharing their heartaches and sympathizing with their little joys, seeing that their physical wants are supplied, and, above all, trying to carry some of the Christ life and the Christ joy into their overburdened hearts and lives.

My work has had so many issues that I have found it hard to make any satisfactory statistical report. Take, for instance, one month's work. The report shows so many visits made to the sick, the poor, the bereaved, etc.; but there is no way of including such items as these: Sat up all night with sick girl; one of our members died yesterday, and I spent some time there and went to the funeral to-day; received a telegram asking me to meet a young girl at the train and see that she made proper connections; took care of a little child while parents watched over a dying baby; cared for a young woman who was sick and a stranger in the city; and so on—nothing great or unusual, yet all taking time, patience, and strength, and in all striving always to show Christ as the never-changing, never-failing, never-tiring Friend.

I have done nothing in the way of organizing special work of any kind, as my time is full to overflowing with the general work of the

Church. I am far from satisfied with the result of my labors. I have been busy, it is true, but I see many places where my work has not been well directed or for other reasons has not borne the fruit it should have borne. But I am praying and trusting for a better year, a year of real fruit-bearing and such as the Master himself may approve.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—CENTENARY CHURCH.

Miss Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess.

Another year has passed, with its needed work. The remembrance of it brings a great degree of satisfaction for the work accomplished and for the joy which has been mine in the privileges I have had. The year could have been better, but I am glad to say that it has been one of victory and constant growth. God is more real to me, and I trust that I have brought him nearer to mankind.

The year at Centenary has been a good one. My work has continued the same as heretofore. I have just closed my tenth year in this field. God has promised that if we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness all things shall be added unto us. This promise has been so sweetly verified to me, as many other promises have been.

As Church deaconess my work has brought me into 651 homes of Church members. I have made 242 visits to the sick and dying, comforted as best I could 78 families bereaved of loved ones, carried 55 bouquets of flowers to the sick, made 278 calls upon nonchurch members, and visited 155 institutions, making a total of 1,126 visits. I have helped 55 impotent persons into the pool for cleansing, induced 300 persons to attend public worship, attended 410 services, addressed 45 meetings, placed 26 children in institutions, and placed 35 adults in hospitals and homes. Bibles and papers were distributed and clothing furnished to many needy ones. Through the Epworth League and *Post-Dispatch* I sent 250 baskets of provisions to worthy families. These figures cover only the surface of the work done, I trust, for the motive underlying every visit was to reveal the Christ. This thought made the work so easy and enjoyable. I am glad to send a message to our Church, remembering that we are coworkers together with him.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Missionary Deaconess of Centenary Church, reports:

"Another year has gone into eternity, and another year's work has been recorded.

"'And only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame.'

"Yet to those of us standing on the threshold of the new year and looking back over the past months little appears for praise because of the much that has been left undone and the fear, if not the conviction, that our best was not put into the effort.

"During the six months of service in St. Louis I have come face to face with a great opportunity and a greater privilege, a field white unto the harvest, appalling because of the indifference of the masses and because of the ease of those who sit in Zion.

"My work has been unique in some features at least, absorbing in the interest it awakens and perplexing in the many-sidedness it presents—visiting from house to house and from room to room in the apartment house; coming in contact with men and women, sometimes the son or the daughter of a minister of the gospel, who have not been to church

for two, five, or ten years and apparently with no conception of their obligation or relation to God or to man; poverty, wretchedness, and misery on every hand, emphasized by intemperance; men and women ignorant of or refusing the bread of life.

"But there is a bright side, after all, for we know that Jesus can transform the darkest corner and cleanse and make new the vilest sinner, and it is this knowledge that makes our work joyous and gives us courage to keep on.

"Some few have been induced to attend church, more to send their children to Sunday school, and some homes have been brightened by the friendly handclasp and by a sisterly interest in the sorrows and joys of the family. A few women are attending a pleasant afternoon for mothers once a week in the church parlors—only a small beginning, but the kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed; so our faith is not faltering, and we feel that we have cause for rejoicing.

"Number of visits made, 1,029; number received, 40; supplies and money distributed, \$51.50; children placed in an institution, 2; persons aided, 33; garments distributed, 214; meetings led or addressed, 16."

ST. LOUIS, MO.—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess.

The first year in any work is always one of adjustment and of getting acquainted with the field and its needs. This has been my duty and my pleasure in the ten months I have served St. John's. It has been a privilege to be associated with Dr. Lee, and I love my Church and my people. Like every other Church deaconess, I have been a "filler in," serving where and whenever any need has arisen; and there have been many needs. I have acted as substitute teacher in our Sunday school, have taught two mission study classes, and have given many Bible lessons and talks at our various meetings at St. John's. In a few instances I have gone to other churches for this purpose. In May I represented our home mission auxiliary at the session of the Conference Society and gave there the daily Bible lessons. As Second Vice President of our now united society I have organized a young people's society which promises to do good work.

The sick, the bereaved, and the sorrowing of our congregation have claimed much of my time, as has also the stranger within our gates. I have visited many families in distress who had appealed to us for aid. A visit of this character usually led to another to some agency or institution for further investigation and counsel before we decided just what was the truest help and the best way to give it. A Church deaconess, as I have discovered, needs as much as a settlement worker to keep in close touch with the social agencies of her city. I usually attend the meetings of the advisory committee of the Churches held every two weeks at the Provident Association, and at such times I feel myself back in the Wesley House. I have greatly enjoyed a course of lectures on "The Church and Social Service," given at the St. Louis School of Social Economy, and some of the addresses I have summed up and passed on to one of our missionary societies.

Part of my time has been given to editing the *Workers' Quarterly*. It was with great reluctance that I added this to my other duties; but the labor has been a joy, and the association with my coworkers, Miss Helen Gibson, the associate editor, and Miss Ellen Gainey, the business

manager, has been most helpful to me. Several articles have been written for different Church papers.

The days have been crowded, and the work has been far from what I wanted it to be; but I have been glad, as I have prayed that "God's completeness might be around my incompleteness, around my restlessness his rest."

SPRAY, N. C.

Miss Addie Patillo, Deaconess.

Having been in the work at Spray, N. C., since September, 1911, I felt established and more confident to forge ahead with organized classes, Church work, and visiting. This season in the Old North State is quite severe, with mud everywhere, and the country is hilly and rocky. That was not an obstacle to me, however, when the time came to go out. There was much illness and more actual need of food, fuel, and clothes. We did not have perfect attendance while the worst weather lasted, but the faithful and interested ones came.

Many of the mill employees who moved their families in from the country and other towns were slow about starting to any church or placing Church certificates with their denomination. I always urged them to unite with the Church of their choice and to send their children to Sunday school. I did writing for the pastor when asked, and strove to act upon his suggestions, calling upon strangers, new converts, sick, and various cases.

Several hours of each week were spent in the church, for it was considered almost a crime for the deaconess to be absent from a service. I never felt right to be absent from my place. Sundays were always full, with Sunday school at 9:30 A.M., church service at 1 P.M., Junior League at 2:30 P.M., Ladies' Aid or mission Sunday school at 3 P.M., Senior League at 6:30 P.M., and preaching until 9:30 P.M. I had to be organist for all, and it was a pleasure. The Philathea Class was my special care, planning socials and other features. The League was reorganized, and we did some effective but incomplete work. There is a lack of leaders in every department; still, some are developing well. It was wonderful to note some cases. I dislike to enumerate such things; yet these were golden opportunities, finding a need and supplying it.

One young woman I visited kept house for an aged father, who was a night watchman at one of the mills. There was no one to stay with her at night. The neighbors told me that she did not have a very good name, so they did not go about her. No one would go with her to church. I found her alone. Hard work had worn upon her, but she took good care of the old father. Her mother was dead. I invited her to church. It was some distance to ours. She could go to the Dunkard church, but she longed to attend her mother's Methodist church. She lacked a decent waist and coat. The next time I went I handed her a package with one of my second-best silk waists, pins, and belt, so that she might come to our Christmas entertainment. How she appreciated it!

After a pathetic farewell meeting in December, we sent out in good shape our former pastor. The preparation of the parsonage, etc., for the new pastor devolved upon me, with some assistance. A warm reception awaited him. After the busy holidays, we began the new year with fresh zeal, large plans, and a great admiration for our new pastor. I left for Florida in January.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER BOARDS.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—TRAVELERS' AID WORK.

Miss Laura Harris, Deaconess.

Has it been a year with which our Father has been pleased? We humbly trust so. Not that it has been perfect, for as we take the retrospective view we see many things we would change if we could. But we do feel deeply grateful that under the influence of his Holy Spirit we have tried to do his will and follow his leading, and because we have tried to be obedient we feel assured that he has used us in rescuing some from the clutches of the wicked one and the traps and snares of those who meant their ruin.

We give just two instances. An innocent and unsuspecting young girl was rescued from a man who was doing his utmost to lead her astray, as we have good reason to believe. Her father was notified by telephone that she was in the station, and we took care of her until he could drive in from the country, four miles. She thanked me very heartily for my interference, though she had seemed to resent my questions as long as the man was present; but after he left, the power which he had exerted over her was broken and she seemed very much relieved that he was gone.

Recently a young married woman came to the station to ask my advice about going to a certain theater. A man whom she had taken to be a friend, but who evidently was not, had given her a complimentary ticket. Her husband could not go with her and she thought to go alone, but felt doubtful about the place. She said she had seen me at the station several times and felt sure that she could rely upon my judgment. I made inquiry and found that it was a theater for colored people only. She thanked me over and over and said she was going back home.

The good that has been done in such instances is abundant reward for the year's work. So with a truly grateful heart I thank God for whatever of good he has been able to accomplish through me and look forward to the new year, trusting that my life may mean much more to the lives I touch from day to day than it has in the past.

Persons whom we have helped are as follows: Number for whom lodging was provided in hotels, 327; number for whom lodging was provided in Y. W. C. A., 48; number of sick people cared for, 46; number who have rested on the couch, 78; number of young girls protected, 158; number of old people cared for, 121; number of babies using cradles, 376; number of babies cared for, 28; number for whom railroad tickets were bought, 4; number of foreigners aided, 13; number aided in various other ways, 1,203; number of meetings addressed, 9; number of visits made to the jail, 3; number of friendly visits, 2. Money expended in the work is as follows: Railroad tickets, \$6.73; lunches, \$1.60; errand boy, 10 cents; lodging, \$1.75; cash, 50 cents; used in rescue work, \$106.30. Total amount expended, \$116.98.

MOBILE, ALA.—TRAVELERS' AID.

Miss Adeline M. Peebles, Deaconess.

My report as travelers' aid for the Y. W. C. A. in Mobile, Ala., dates from April 13, 1912, to January 20, 1913. This has been my first experience as a travelers' aid, and I began the work fearing lest I might not be suited to it. I have found the work rather different from what

I expected it would be. Altogether the nine months spent here have been very pleasant. God has been good to me, and I am happy.

The Y. W. C. A. home cares for about twenty girls and young women who are employed in the city. The house secretary and myself are the two workers who live in the home. During my stay here it has been my privilege to help one young woman begin the Christian life. She is keeping true to Jesus and often expresses the joy of her experience as a Christian.

On November 7 we began our study of Dr. Stalker's "Life of Christ." At present we have a membership of thirteen, with an average attendance of ten. The attendance has been more regular since Christmas, and this is an encouragement to me, as the girls are usually tired after the day's work. Several do not live in the Y. W. C. A. I feel sure that some have been helped and are developing in their Christian lives.

Mobile has three railroad stations; and as my work includes the three, I have arranged to meet what we consider the most important trains. This necessitates neglecting trains where there is often work to be done. The opportunities for definite work of this kind are not very frequent in the short and many times hurried interviews with travelers. Several girls and young women who were in a sense helpless, being in a strange city without money or the protection of friends, have fallen into my hands. There is indeed a peculiar joy in assisting the old people who are traveling alone. Many times they are unfit for even a short journey alone. It has been my pleasure at times to look after the babies and small children for worn-out mothers, caring for them on the outside if need be. I might have become rich in tips if that had been my mission, but I have tried to show them that ours is a different mission from that.

There has been a great deal of work done for travelers, such as telephoning, sending telegrams, hunting up friends, and, as it has been expressed by the Y. W. C. A. Secretary, "nursing my travelers." But it is always such a comfort to hand them safely over to loved ones or friends.

My connection with our St. Francis Street Church has been very pleasant. I trust God has used me in a small way at least among the young people, Sunday school, and Epworth League. Several of these are developing as workers.

I report the following statistics: Ladies and girls assisted, 137; mothers with babies or small children, 82; children, 7; sick people, 37; old people, 13; foreigners, 10; blind people, 3; people directed to hotels, boarding houses, or lunch rooms, 154; meals given to those unable to pay for them, 15; charity tickets provided for, 6; persons for whom work was secured, 4; a mother and baby taken to the City Hospital; one little girl three years old taken to a home; permit for ambulance to take a poor, sick woman to the City Hospital; letters received by travelers' aid, 12; letters written by travelers' aid, 10.

May God bless the work done in his name and for his glory!

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—TRAVELERS' AID.

Mrs. Alameda Hewett, Deaconess.

Surely there is no work that furnishes a greater field for the study of human nature than does the travelers' aid work—the rich and the poor, the intelligent, the ignorant, the old, the young, the good, the bad, the much-traveled man and woman, the girl perhaps never on a train before. Many coming for the first time to the city must be

directed to safe, clean places, morally and physically. Some are wanting work. Perhaps they came in answer to an advertisement, and do not know where to go. Possibly they speak such broken English that they can scarcely be understood; but the travelers' aid's ears are tuned to almost every language, so they are safe.

One young girl leaving home against the wishes of her parents, it was not many minutes after she reached the station before the travelers' aid had her secret and had her face turned toward her home, with the advice to stay there with her parents until she was compelled to go out and take up the business life. She was grateful for the help in deciding the question for her, as she had reached the point where she was half persuaded to return home, but could not make up her mind.

We find children alone, not in care of the conductor or any one on the train. We had six in one month to be cared for. Many come in without money, and many come and ask for tickets to their homes, being here with no employment. Not less than \$50 has been raised at the station in the past year for charity tickets for girls and women.

Many sick come under our care, some having that dread disease tuberculosis, with no one to take them in for the night. We have to provide a cot and make them as comfortable as possible in the station. There are those who come and do not know where to find their relatives or friends. We have had to exercise all the wisdom and ingenuity we had to find some people who had no address, no business, and had been in the city only a short time. There were only two or three or four cases where the girls would not listen to advice.

The Y. W. C. A. has been the means of helping hundreds of girls coming to our city through the travelers' aid. The travelers' aid is worth while for all classes.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—WARIOTO SETTLEMENT.

Miss Jennie Ducker, Deaconess.

Through the great love and continued mercy of the Father we are enabled to look back over the work of the past year with regret—yes, because of our limitations—and also with joy because we were co-workers with him. Our Father has not commanded us to be successful, but to be faithful. In obedience to this command we find our highest joy.

The past year was characterized by continued activity and increased interest in the various departments of work. Through the influence of the city nurses, some members of the Board of Health have become interested in our work.

A free milk dispensary was installed last spring. During the heated term one hundred and ten babies were supplied with milk and ice. Dr. Alexander, a baby specialist, came out each morning to meet the babies and mothers as they came for the milk. Through this medium infant mortality was greatly reduced. Besides the baby ice fund, one thousand pounds of ice were sent to the Settlement each morning to be given to families where sickness and poverty were found.

Christmas was characterized by more of the Christ spirit than ever before. For weeks previous to that time the children were bringing their dimes and pennies to be used for gifts for the sick at Vanderbilt Hospital. Several classes of girls and boys, accompanied by their teachers, went out to the hospital and sang Christmas carols and distributed the gifts; while other members of the Sunday school went

into the homes of our shut-ins, making the day glad by carrying messages of the Christ child. Our Christmas exercises were conducted according to the old German style. The children brought stockings with their names attached. On Christmas eve they were filled by the workers and tacked in long rows around the walls. The exercises began promptly at 6:30 Christmas morning. They were simple, but in the quiet of the early Christmas dawn they were most impressive. At the close Santa Claus came in and gave each child a well-filled stocking.

The improvement in sanitation and housing conditions is gratifying. The moral and spiritual condition of the community is not what we wish it to be; but by faith and prayer and entreaties we are hoping to bring the far-off nigh unto Him who is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto him.

TAMPA, FLA.—WOMAN'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, Deaconess, Superintendent.

The year just closed brought many changes to our work and an increase almost threefold in spite of the fact that there was more serious illness among the workers than ever before. December 31 found the sleeping apartment filled to its utmost capacity. The tender age of many of the girls has awakened a deeper interest among the people, and we are feeling that our work is on the surest road to success. The very best physicians of the city champion our cause. Our industrial work has been a surprise even to the members of the board.

The first of the past year we put in a loom and found carpet- and rug-weaving interesting and profitable. Cooking, weaving lace curtains, laundry, the sale of milk, etc., brought us returns of about \$1,500. Bread-baking was not done on as large a scale as in previous years from the fact that getting the bread delivered became such a serious problem. The Home gave shelter through its Shelter Door and found employment for more women and children than ever in its previous history. The success in this line has proved beyond a doubt that it is worth while to have a bed to spare for the poor woman (or unfortunate child) who is in hard circumstances through no fault of her own. The largest number of girls in the Home at one time during the year was twenty-one, and the nursery has never had less than five.

We had a serious siege of dengue fever in the fall and some other severe sickness, but no deaths among the girls and only two deaths among the infants. Some of our girls passed out and were married, some out to work, and some to school. A large number of the girls were converted during the year and joined the Protestant Churches.

We are trusting that our past year's record will force the public to give us a new home. During the year the Superintendent made two hundred and fifty-seven calls for the uplift of womanhood, although for more than three months she was unable through illness of her own to do any street work. There were 197,116 meals served and 7,359 lodgings provided. January 1, 1912, showed seven girls and three babies in the Home; December 31, 1912, there were twenty girls and nine babies.

TAMPA, FLA.—ITALIAN SCHOOL.

Miss Anna Koch, Missionary; Miss Martha Norburn, Missionary.

Miss Koch reports:

"The interesting mission school of Little Italy presents a field of the greatest possibility and opportunity. It has indeed been a blessing

to be here in the Master's service. We feel that his blessings have brought joy and prosperity.

"The day school enrolls about two hundred and the night school nearly fifty. I have had three teachers associated with me in this work. The night school offers Italian, English, and arithmetic. Most of the members of these classes are cigar makers. It is indeed encouraging to see how eager these students are to progress in their studies. The day school offers an equivalent of public school courses through the fifth grade. It is divided into three departments: the English grades, the Italian grades, and the beginners' department. We find the pupils bright and quick to learn the language.

"The greatest interest is taken in the industrial classes made possible this session. The older boys have been instructed in elementary sloyd, the older girls in raffia basketry. The girls are taught hand-sewing. All have their work brightened by a bit of manual work. The girls enjoy the game class and the boys delight in free callisthenics. We wish you could just see how eager these boys and girls are, and what a pleasure it is to teach them. My special charges have been the English grades in the day school and English and arithmetic for the young men of the night school.

"Religious exercises begin the day and close the night school. These exercises are conducted by Rev. Mr. Romano, our pastor, and by the members of the faculty. The Sunday school, League, and Church services afford definite means for religious instruction. Bible stories, memory work, etc., also are aids. We hope thus to plant seed for good fruit and to make the school an instrument in instructing and strengthening its youth. Thus we seek to coöperate with the Church in fulfilling its purpose of building for the kingdom of God.

"We are studying the language, for it is most necessary to be able to enter the homes and converse with the people in their own language. While we are now doing some visiting, we shall be better able to reach the people when we can appeal to them in their native tongue.

"We have been given valuable aid in music and in our work with the girls by Miss Seeley and Mrs. Romano, volunteer workers, and by Miss D'Anna, the Italian missionary. Miss D'Anna was also a great aid to us in becoming acquainted with the people. We very much appreciate the assistance of the Italian teachers, Mr. Reina and Mr. Perna, who have been so faithful to their charges. Miss Norburn, with her ability and willingness, is indeed a treasure, daily bringing love and sunshine into the lives of the little ones and showing a special interest in the girls.

"The future is full of hope. This is your work and the Master's. We need your prayers and your service. May more count it a privilege to enter this important field!"

Miss Norburn reports:

"Little Italy contains within its boundaries ten thousand Italians, a segregation of people possessing many splendid qualities, but who have never realized their relationship toward the American people and toward whom Americans have never fully realized their duty. The greater part of these Italians have turned from the Catholic Church and become unbelievers. From this number has been gathered a small Methodist Church, with its attendant organizations, the Sunday school, Junior and Senior Leagues, and the midweek service. A native pastor is located here, and the teachers from the adjacent school assist in the services.

"Both Church and school are under our supervision, and practically the same groups of children and young people that receive spiritual impetus in the Church are reached by the school, which has both day and night sessions. Two native teachers are employed in the school, and they render valuable service. The task which lies before the trained workers is to completely master the language and to further organize and discipline the school.

"Our dream is that the church and school may be enlarged into a structure that will fitly represent Southern Methodism, and that they may work hand in hand toward the training of leaders for the future and the giving to the people at large a broader knowledge and characters made strong and steadfast through the ministering hands of those who represent the Master."

DEACONESSES.

Name.	Date of Consecration.	Address.
Miss Lillie Black.....	April, 1912.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Florence Blackwell.....	April, 1906.....	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Miss Cora Borchers.....	May, 1909.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ella Bowden.....	April, 1911.....	San Antonio, Tex.
Miss Rosa Breedon.....	April, 1910.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Emma Burton.....	April, 1908.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Miss Ellen Cloud.....	April, 1912.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Mattie Cunningham.....	April, 1912.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Elizabeth Cox.....	April, 1911.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Elizabeth Davis.....	April, 1903.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Mary Daniel.....	April, 1910.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Mary De Bardeleben.....	April, 1912.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Florida Dewar.....	April, 1911.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Rhoda Dragoo.....	June, 1909.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Jennie Ducker.....	June, 1909.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Daisy Duncan.....	April, 1908.....	Attalla, Ala.
Miss Martha DuPree.....	April, 1911.....	Macon, Ga.
Miss Mary Ora Durham.....	April, 1910.....	Houston, Tex.
Miss Maria Elliott.....	April, 1904.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Connie Fagan.....	April, 1911.....	Flat River Mo.
Miss May Franklin.....	April, 1908.....	Danville, Va.
Miss Edith Fuess.....	April, 1911.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Ellen Gaine.....	April, 1910.....	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Helen Gibson.....	April, 1908.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Alberta Graham.....	April, 1912.....	Darlington, S. C.
Miss Gertrude Grizzard.....	April, 1911.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Cornelia Godbey.....	April, 1911.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Laura Harris.....	April, 1910.....	Montgomery, Ala.
Miss Mary Hanscom.....	April, 1911.....	Houston, Tex.
Miss Etta Heffin.....	April, 1912.....	Macon, Ga.
Miss Grace Hemenway.....	June, 1909.....	Greenwood, S. C.
Miss Willena Henry.....	May, 1909.....	Crossett, Ark.
Mrs. Alameda Hewitt.....	May, 1908.....	San Antonio, Tex.
Miss Nanette Hudson.....	May, 1909.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Miss Eliza Iles.....	April, 1912.....	Houma, La.
Miss Ethel Jackson.....	April, 1907.....	Waco, Tex.
Miss Alice Jones.....	April, 1911.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Susie Belle Jeter.....	April, 1910.....	Asheville, N. C.
Miss Mabel Kennedy.....	April, 1903.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ethelyn Knapp.....	April, 1911.....	Corinth, Miss.
Miss Edith Leighty.....	April, 1911.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Miss Myrtle Long.....	May, 1909.....	Biloxi, Miss.
Miss Fannie Mann.....	April, 1907.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Maybelle Marshall.....	April, 1907.....	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Salina Monohan.....	April, 1906.....	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Mary Moore.....	April, 1911.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Annie Mutch.....	April, 1907.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Adeline Peeples.....	November, 1908.....	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Addie Patillo.....	April, 1911.....	Spray, N. C.
Miss Constance Palmore.....	June, 1909.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Margaret Ragland.....	April, 1908.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Mayme Reams.....	April, 1910.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Sarah Regan.....	April, 1912.....	Orangeburg, S. C.
Miss Myrtle Rhudy.....	April, 1911.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Nell Rogers.....	October, 1909.....	Richmond, Va.
Miss Zadie Royalty.....	May, 1909.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Frances Scott.....	May, 1909.....	Lexington, Mo.
Miss Eunice Segars.....	April, 1911.....	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Hattie Sellers.....	April, 1908.....	Richmond, Va.
Miss Alice Sheider.....	April, 1910.....	Clifton, S. C.
Miss Mae Shelton.....	May, 1909.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Eugenia Smith.....	October, 1909.....	Fort Worth, Tex.
Miss Carolyn Smith.....	April, 1910.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Mary E. Smith.....	April, 1908.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Ida Stevens.....	April, 1907.....	Fort Worth, Tex.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....	May, 1903.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Berta Thomas.....	April, 1910.....	Bristol, Tenn.
Miss Lois Tinsley.....	April, 1912.....	Meridian, Miss.
Miss Eva Waddell.....	April, 1911.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
Miss Mabel Wheeler.....	June, 1909.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss De Etta Whitwell.....	April, 1911.....	Baltimore, Md.
Miss Cornelia Wickers.....	October, 1909.....	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Mollie Womack.....	April, 1911.....	Meridian, Miss.
Miss Mary Wood.....	April, 1911.....	Thurber, Tex.
Miss Bessie Wilhoit.....	April, 1906.....	Beaumont, Tex.
Miss Mattie Wright.....	April, 1903.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Miss Nell Wynn.....	April, 1912.....	Houston, Tex.

MISSIONARIES.

TRAINED MISSIONARIES APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

Name.	Address.
Miss Elizabeth Hughes.....	Albany, Ga.
Miss Grace Jackson.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Helen Burr.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Dollie Crim.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Josephine Guffin.....	Cooleemee, N. C.
Miss Irene Boyles.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
Miss Dora Hoover.....	Mobile, Ala.
Miss Bessie Allen.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Annie W. Rector.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Roberta Baker.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Leila Bunkley.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Sarah Lowder.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Hazel Cooper.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
Miss Anna Koch.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Martha Norburn.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Susie Mitchell.....	Thurber, Tex.
Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	Richmond, Va.
Mrs. L. Meekin.....	New Orleans, La.
Mrs. W. F. Alexander.....	Tampa, Fla.
Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton.....	Alameda, Cal.

TRAINED NURSES.

Miss Ellen Cloud.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Daisy Duncan.....	Attalla, Ala.
Miss Margaret Nordbush.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Edna Bradshaw.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Lula Cason.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Laura Davis.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Grace Clark.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. Carrie Bond.....	Louisville, Ky.
Miss Clara Stotzer.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Kathron Wilson.....	New Orleans, La.

KINDERGARTNERS.

Miss Edith Brittingham.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Miss Margaret Urquhart.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Madeline Gasser.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Roberta Stubbs.....	Biloxi, Miss.
Miss Mittie Hamby.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Freda Dietrich.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Janette Haskin.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Miss Effie Pate.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Sue Herrick.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Willie Terrill.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Flora Lovell.....	Thurber, Tex.
Mrs. T. Miki.....	Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. C. Kajiwara.....	Alameda, Cal.

DAY NURSERY MATRON.

Miss Dollie Crim.....	Birmingham, Ala.
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WESLEY HOUSE TEACHERS.

Miss Cecile Durham.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Cora Belle Green.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Eva Lowry.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Sallie Miller.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Carrie Turner.....	Houston, Tex.

HOUSE MOTHERS.

Miss Audry Wade.....	Houston, Tex.
Mrs. Anna Ehrengart.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss Lottie Keithley.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Annie Ragland.....	New Orleans, La.
Miss Pearl Weeks.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Mrs. F. M. Knowles.....	Macon, Ga.

PASTORS EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

Rev. William Acton.....	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. J. Ota.....	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. A. E. Rector.....	Galveston, Tex.
Rev. J. E. Reifschneider.....	Galveston, Tex.
Rev. R. K. Motoyoshi.....	Oakland, Cal.
Rev. David Lee.....	San Francisco, Cal.

TEACHERS.

Name.	Address.
Rev. S. Y. Whang.....	San Francisco, Cal.
J. C. Lewis.....	London, Ky.
J. W. Feltnier.....	London, Ky.
A. S. Bushing.....	London, Ky.
Russell Baker.....	London, Ky.
Jones Mercer.....	London, Ky.
J. C. Gardner.....	London, Ky.
Miss V. W. Buffum.....	London, Ky.
Miss M. E. Smith.....	London, Ky.
Miss Mamie Thomas.....	London, Ky.
Miss Allie Watkins.....	London, Ky.
Miss Josie Sill.....	London, Ky.
Miss F. M. Campbell.....	London, Ky.
Miss L. M. Kinnear.....	London, Ky.
Miss Seabrook.....	London, Ky.
Miss M. Johnson.....	London, Ky.
Mrs. J. C. Lewis.....	London, Ky.
C. H. Trowbridge.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miles Reece.....	Brevard, N. C.
Mrs. Miles Reece.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Margaret Mitchell.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Earlene Poindexter.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Pearl Coville.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Annie Wilson.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Alma Trowbridge.....	Brevard, N. C.
Miss Mary Kennedy.....	Brevard, N. C.
J. E. Ivey.....	Brevard, N. C.
E. E. Bishop.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Daisy Williams.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Ruth Householder.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Sadie Davis.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Lena Chambers.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Tillie Harris.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Laura Kelley.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Willon Hall.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Mrs. E. E. Bishop.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Mrs. O. M. Abbott.....	Dallas, Tex.
Mrs. Helen Forsythe.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Ruth Diffendorf.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Margaret Nordbush.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Quayle.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Lula May.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Williams.....	Dallas, Tex.
Miss Lizzie Padgett.....	Dallas, Tex.
Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith.....	Dallas, Tex.
Mrs. Effie West.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Gustave Alexander.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Ida Allen.....	Augusta, Ga.
Elijah Chisholm.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Emelina Valdes.....	Tampa, Fla.
Mrs. Oseguera.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Maria Mesa.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Lotie Adams.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Rose Baker.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Louis Delgado.....	Tampa, Fla.
A. W. Mohn.....	Key West, Fla.
A. W. Runyan.....	Key West, Fla.
D. C. Squires.....	Key West, Fla.
Mrs. E. C. Hunter.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Lois Pedrick.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Nora Connell.....	Key West, Fla.
F. W. Kernes.....	Key West, Fla.
Mrs. F. W. Kernes.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Anna Buncog.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Dora Mesa.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Margaret Scott.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Gertrude Lester.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Louise Gillon.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Della Wright.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss E. C. Davenport.....	Key West, Fla.
S. J. Robenette.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Minnie Murphy.....	Key West, Fla.
Miss Mary Cochran.....	Key West, Fla.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSSES AND CITY MISSIONARIES.

- Albany, Ga., City Board: Elizabeth Hughes, City Missionary.
- Asheville, N. C., City Board: Josephine Guffin, City Missionary.
- Atlanta, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Mary Daniel, Deaconess; Miss Mary Moore, Deaconess; Miss Ellen Cloud, Deaconess; Miss Ethel Cunningham, City Missionary; Miss Nellie McClain, Kindergarten Missionary; Miss Nellie Wynn, Deaconess.
- Attalla, Ala., City Board: Miss Daisy Duncan, Deaconess.
- Augusta, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Grace Jackson, City Missionary; Miss Laura Bell Proctor, Deaconess.
- Augusta, Ga., Negro Work: Miss Mayme Reams, Deaconess; Miss Addie Patillo, Deaconess.
- Baltimore, Md., City Board: Miss Ida Stevens, Deaconess.
- Biloxi, Miss., Wesley House: Miss Myrtle Long, Deaconess; Miss Roberta Stubbs, Kindergarten Missionary.
- Birmingham, Ala., Wesley House, Avondale Cotton Mill: Miss Florida Dewar, Deaconess; Miss Mittie Hamby, Kindergarten Missionary; Miss Helen Burr, City Missionary; Miss Constance Palmore, Deaconess.
- Birmingham, Ala., Wesley House: Miss Dollie Crim, City Missionary; Miss Eva Dorton, Kindergarten Missionary.
- Birmingham, Ala., First Church: Miss Alethe Graham, Deaconess.
- Bristol, Va., State Street Church: Miss Berta Thomas, Deaconess.
- Chattanooga, Tenn., Centenary Church: Miss Emma Burton, Deaconess.
- Clifton, S. C.: Church Deaconess, Miss Alice Sheider.
- Coal Fields, Holston Conference: Miss Frances Mann, Deaconess; Miss Kate Wilson, Nurse.
- Corinth, Miss., City Board: Miss Evelyn Knapp, Deaconess.
- Crossett, Ark.: Church Deaconess, Miss Willena Henry.
- Dallas, Tex., Wesley House: Miss Lillie Black, Deaconess; Miss Mary Hanscom, Deaconess; Miss Mary Wood, Deaconess.
- Dallas, Tex., Wesley Chapel: Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess.
- Danville, Va., City Board: Miss Lucy Epps, Deaconess.
- Darlington, S. C., City Board: Miss Roberta Baker.
- Fort Worth, Tex., Conference Work: Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess.
- Greenwood, S. C., Cotton Mill Work: Miss Grace Hemenway, Deaconess.
- Houma, La., French Work: Miss Eliza Iles, Deaconess.
- Houston, Tex., Coöperative Home: Miss May Ora Durham, Deaconess; Miss Falla Richardson, Deaconess.

- Houston, Tex.: Church Deaconess, Miss Nannette Hudson.
- Kansas City, Mo., Institutional Church: Miss Mae Shelton, Deaconess; Miss Myrtle Rhudy, Deaconess; Miss Annie Mutch, Deaconess; Miss Edith Fuess, Deaconess; Miss Frances Scott, Deaconess.
- Knoxville, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Eva Waddell, Deaconess; Miss Helen Shugart.
- Lead Belt District, Farmington District Board: Miss Connie Fagan, Deaconess; Miss Zadie Royalty, Deaconess.
- Lexington, Ky., Coöperative Home: Miss Maria Elliott, Deaconess.
- Los Angeles, Cal., Coöperative Home: Mrs. M. C. Floweree, City Missionary; Miss Lula Cason, Nurse; Miss Lola Brown, Parish Deaconess.
- Louisville, Ky., Wesley House: Miss Ellen Gainey, Deaconess; Miss Eunice Segars, Deaconess; Miss Zadie Yonis.
- Macon, Ga., Wesley House: Miss Cora Borchers, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Etta Heflin, Deaconess; Miss Mattie Anderson, Deaconess.
- Malvern, Ark.: Church Deaconess, Miss Sarah Heron.
- Meridian, Miss., Wesley House: Miss Mollie Womack, Deaconess; Miss Lois Tinsley, Deaconess.
- Memphis, Tenn., First Methodist Church: Miss Cornelia Godbey, Deaconess.
- Memphis, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Mattie Cunningham, Deaconess; Miss Jeanette Haskin, Kindergarten Missionary.
- Mobile, Ala., Wesley House: Miss Susie Bell Jeter, Deaconess; Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Deaconess.
- Mobile, Ala., Institutional Church: Miss Dora Hoover.
- Mobile, Ala., Travelers' Aid: Miss Adeline Peebles, Deaconess.
- Montgomery, Ala., City Board: Miss Maybelle Marshall, Deaconess.
- Montgomery, Ala., Travelers' Aid: Miss Laura Harris, Deaconess.
- Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Deaconess.
- Nashville, Tenn., Wesley House: Miss Bessie Allen, City Missionary; Miss Annie Rector, City Missionary; Miss Sue Herrick, Kindergarten Missionary.
- Nashville, Tenn., Methodist Training School: Miss Jennie Ducker, Deaconess.
- Nashville, Tenn., Negro Work: To be supplied by special committee.
- Negro Work: Miss Mary Meriwether, Deaconess.
- New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Hall: Miss Martha DuPree, Deaconess; Miss Laura Padgett, Nurse.
- New Orleans, La., Mary Werlein Mission: Mrs. L. Meekin, City Missionary.
- Orangeburg, S. C., City Board: Miss Sarah Regan, Deaconess.
- Pacific Coast Work: Mrs. J. B. Acton, City Missionary.
- Portsmouth, Va., Coöperative Home: To be supplied locally.
- Reidsville, N. C., Associated Charities: Miss Selina Monohan, Deaconess.
- Richmond, Va., Methodist Institute: Miss Irene Boyles; Miss Hattie Sellers, Deaconess; Miss Nell Rogers, Deaconess.

Richmond, Va., Wilson Coöperative Home: Mrs. M. L. Stone.

St. Joseph, Mo., Wesley House: Miss Rosa Breeden, Deaconess.

St. Louis, Mo., Kingdom House: Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess; Miss Sarah Lowder, City Missionary; Miss Carolyn Smith, Deaconess; Miss Josephine Dreyer, City Missionary.

St. Louis, Mo., St. John's Church: Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess.

St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church: Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Deaconess; Miss Mabel Kennedy, Deaconess.

San Antonio, Tex., Wesley House: Mrs. Alameda Hewitt, Deaconess; Miss Ella Bowden, Deaconess.

San Francisco, Cal., City Board: Miss Mattie Wright, Deaconess; Miss Mary Fausnaugh, Deaconess.

Spartanburg, S. C., Wesley House: Miss Edith Leighty, Deaconess; Miss Hazel Cooper, Deaconess.

Tampa, Fla., Italian Work: Miss Anna Koch, Missionary; Miss Martha Norburn, Missionary.

Tampa, Fla., Woman's Home and Hospital: Miss Lizzie R. Davis, Deaconess.

West Tampa, Fla., Kindergarten: Miss Wille Terrill, Kindergartner.

Thurber, Tex., Wesley House: Miss Margaret Ragland, Deaconess; Miss Susie Mitchell, City Missionary; Miss Frances Denton, Kindergarten Missionary.

Vanderbilt Medical Hospital, Nurse-Training: Miss Mabel Wheeler, Deaconess.

Waco, Tex., Coöperative Home: Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Wesley House: Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

FOR the seven days of its third annual meeting the Woman's Missionary Council found a most hospitable home in First Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Large, earnest audiences at every session, overflowing ones in the evenings, and a generous and attentive press evidenced a local interest unsurpassed in the history of our work.

The harmonious and perfected arrangements made by the local committees for the comfortable dispatch of business; the attendance of interested pastors from Alabama and other States; the number of visitors from many sections; the counsel and help of Dr. John M. Moore and of Dr. W. W. Pinson, with glowing messages from the awakened Orient; the presence and brotherly coöperation of Bishop J. H. McCoy throughout the meeting; the quickening utterances of Bishop Lambuth, heart-burdened with the unspeakable needs of Brazil and of Africa; the inspirational talks from the field workers that vitalized every business session—these and other elements made this meeting unusual in its scope and influence. No wonder that the dominant note throughout was thanksgiving for the work wrought and courage for advance.

At the opening service on Wednesday evening, April 9, after the singing of the Council hymn for 1913, "Faith of Our Fathers," Bishop J. H. McCoy led in prayer. Dr. J. C. Branscomb, presiding elder of the Birmingham District, read the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel and then greeted the Council with pleasing informality.

Miss Bennett, after thanking Birmingham Methodism for its invitation and hospitality, gave a brief, forceful history of the missionary work of woman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mrs. J. B. Cobb brought in rapid survey the foreign fields, where the problems are indeed the overripe opportunities of the Church of God. Strongly the need of more intercessory prayer was urged.

With the Saviour's words, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," as the keynote of her plea, Mrs. MacDonell showed the limitless need for Christly service in this yet unchristian land and the agencies which our Church, through the Woman's Missionary Council, is employing to meet the need.

On Thursday evening, with Mrs. J. W. Perry presiding, after an inspiring anthem by the choir, Mrs. S. S. Harris, of Soochow, China, led the opening service. Hymn 410, "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," was sung. Mrs. Harris led in prayer and read a part of the fourth chapter of John.

Miss Lelia Roberts, of Saltillo, Mexico, discussed "Latin America a Mission Field"; Miss Lillian Nichols, of Seoul, Korea, brought "Korea's Message"; Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, of Shanghai, China, made her audience understand something of the magnitude of "China's Larger Need." As each speaker in ready, vibrant words out of an overflowing heart gave the call of her own special field, one forgot the speaker and seemed to see Mexico, Korea, and China personated in an impassioned human form. One had to believe the heathen "O, so worth while!" One had to "think spherical thoughts"; one had to pray that all missionaries might be, as these three seemed to be, "asbestos-lined, copper-riveted missionaries."

Friday evening the great organ loft was filled with a chorus choir which led the congregation in zestful singing. Mrs. Arch Trawick presided. Miss Mabel Howell led the devotional service, reading a part of the "home mission chapter," the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Secretary of Negro Extension Work, in charge of the settlement work in Augusta, Ga., brought a strong plea for this "Samaria" of the Southland, "Africa at Home." Miss Helen Gibson, Head Resident of the Kingdom House at St. Louis, brought the fullness of an incarnated message on "The Present Opportunity for Deaconess Work." Prof. J. C. Lewis, in showing "What a Call to Home Missions Means," told of God's own gracious leading of him through all of life's experiences into his present field of work, and proved that time and money invested in the vigorous young lives of the Southern mountains yield richest returns.

On Sunday the pulpits of the twenty-one Methodist churches in

Birmingham were filled morning and evening by the preachers attending the Council or by the Council members. Chief interest centered at First Church, where, in the morning, Bishop Lambuth preached from Mark xi. 24 a never-to-be-forgotten sermon on "Prayer and the Kingdom." From the full content of this passage—desire, prayer, faith, human acceptance, divine fulfillment—he developed the dynamic power of prayer in every crisis of the Church and in every advance of the kingdom of God. As he pictured the journey made by him and Prof. John Wesley Gilbert in Central Africa and all the experiences accompanying it, there must have come upon his hearers the profound impression that Africa's darkness is a mighty call to intercessory prayer that shall quicken the heart of the Church until her best is poured out for the redemption of the Dark Continent.

The mass meeting on Sunday afternoon for children and young people, guided by Miss Daisy Davies, who is a past master in such assemblies, was a most inspiring occasion. An audience of perhaps three thousand people, with a majority of children and young people, sang heartily, and through a long service sat and stood in sustained, eager interest. In the choir were crowded the deaconesses and missionaries, while on the platform were groups of children in Oriental dress. Miss Davies, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Stephens, Miss De Bardeleben, Miss Claiborne, Miss Durham, and Miss Nichols gave brief, earnest messages. Mrs. Harris and Miss Peacock sang in Chinese, and Miss Nichols in Korean. Only eternity can reveal the cumulative force of a meeting like this.

Sunday night Dr. Pinson preached from Deuteronomy xxxii. 12. He showed how the nest of the nations is being stirred. The marvelous changes in the Orient were vividly presented and the challenge given to the Church to be equal to the day of her opportunity here. This opportunity is peculiarly that of the Church in America, because China believes that "America is the only friend she has in all the world." It was significant that, when lost in a heathen city, Dr. Pinson found his way by using the one word "Yesu." He had seen, he stated, more people join the Church the two months he was in China than he had in ten years in America.

Monday evening found the platform and chancel beautiful with green and white flowers, and there was a great congregation to greet the deaconesses and missionaries as they entered singing

"Faith of Our Fathers." The new class of nine deaconesses, five from the Scarritt Bible and Training School and four from the Methodist Training School, were addressed by Bishop McCoy. He expressed in strong and tender words the need for them "to function to people cheated by life's inequalities the pity, the compassion of the heart of Christ." He warned against the inadequacy of "the anæmic of mere social service." After the beautiful consecration service by Bishop McCoy, assisted by Bishop Lambuth, and the giving of the certificates by Mrs. MacDonell, the deaconesses gave some bits of personal experience bearing upon their decision to enter this work of loving ministry. The deaconesses were as follows: Misses Hazel Cooper, Lola E. Brown, Mary E. Fausnaugh, Mary Meriwether, Sarah Hearon, Laura Belle Proctor, Mattie Anderson, Lucy Epps, and Falla Richardson.

Thursday evening the processional hymn was "Lead On, O King Eternal." Again white flowers made beautiful the chancel. Bishop Lambuth addressed the outgoing missionaries. The world in quick review was brought near and the need was shown of a Church with a vision of that world and a message for it—a Church with an enthroned Christ who alone can qualify and commission for service. The only limitation to God's possibilities in us and through us is our own hearts—a lack of faith and a poor, weak prayer life. Mrs. Cobb presented the young women to Miss Bennett, who introduced them to the audience, announcing the foreign field to which they were assigned, as follows: To China, Misses Laura Mitchell, Lela Pliler, Bertha Attaway, Dr. Hattie Love; Korea, Misses Bessie and Eva Hardie and Agnes Graham; Mexico, Misses Edith Brittingham and Ethel McCaughan; Brazil, Misses Mary J. Baxter and Blanche Webb; Cuba, Miss Margaret Webster. These young women won a lasting place in the hearts of the Council members as they told why they had offered and prepared for service in the far-off lands.

One of the most helpful and inspiring features of the meeting was the large and beautifully arranged missionary exhibit in the handsome Sunday school room. This was the work of Miss Mabel Head, the beloved Educational Secretary, upon whose wise judgment and sympathetic spirit the Council relies.

The *Council Daily*, with our alert Editorial Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, and her capable staff of helpers, Mrs. J. H. Dickey and Miss Estelle Haskin, and the business manager, Rev. H. Whitehead,

gave great satisfaction and help to the Council members, and it deserved an extensive circulation throughout the ranks of the workers.

Some regular delegates were missed, but they had sent bright, resourceful, and earnest alternates, who soon caught the spirit of comradeship pervading the body. Officers retiring for personal or family reasons were borne in mind, but glad welcome was given to those who came in the spirit of true service to take their places. The new office of Secretary of the Home Base and the new officer, Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb, with special equipment and training for so important a task, were heartily welcomed by our hospitably-minded workers, who are anxious that the work shall be done with the greatest good to the greatest number.

The thought of a group of friends gone from our circle for evermore chastened the joy of comradeship, made tenderer the friendship of the years with others, and deepened our gratitude for the new, earnest young women coming to take up the work as God calls some home or sets aside others from activity that they may have more time for intercessory prayer.

The noon Bible studies of Dr. George H. Detwiler were illuminating, heart-searching messages. No one who listened in the spirit of prayer to these lessons wrought out of life's material by the unsparing Spirit of God can fail to be a humbler seeker after the best, a deeper lover of truth, a braver doer of God's will.

The beauty and fragrance of the Easter lilies presented by the W. C. T. U. lasted for days and were a constant reminder of "the white life" toward which each child of God aspires and strives, not only for himself, but for his race.

The Committee on Social Service gave further proof of its alertness in making and capturing opportunity by selecting as a subject for 1914 "The Evil of Intemperance." Herein lies wrapped the iniquity of every land, and we shall learn afresh the indivisible oneness of God's work round the world. It is an auspicious time to join hands with all organizations for intensive temperance work when the foremost leaders in the political and social life of our great republic are by personal and official habit declaring for the forces of righteousness and temperance.

With courage and faith born of God's gracious leadings in the past, the Woman's Missionary Council turns its face to the coming year. "Teach us thy will, O God!" "O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead us!"

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for its third annual session in Birmingham, Ala., Thursday morning, April 10, 1913. A service of song and prayer was followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. H. Whitehead, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ferguson.

At 9:40 A.M. the meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett. Hymn 352, "Lord, in the Strength of Grace," was sung. After the Apostles' Creed, recited in concert, Miss Bennett led in prayer. Psalm xxxiii. was read responsively. Miss Bennett gave the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of Second Timothy as the keynote for the year's work and aspiration: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Mrs. Siler led in prayer.

After the introduction of the business manager of the *Council Daily*, Rev. H. Whitehead, who made announcements concerning the paper, the body proceeded to the work of organization. Upon roll call, the following officers and members responded (Mrs. R. B. John, of the North Carolina Conference, Mrs. A. B. Smith, of Tennessee, and Mrs. F. W. Spicer, of Illinois, were enrolled on Friday, and Mrs. W. R. Howell, of New Mexico, on Saturday):

OFFICERS.

President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

First Vice President, Mrs. W. A. Albright.

Second Vice President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens.

Third Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Arch Trawick.

Secretary Foreign Department, Mrs. J. B. Cobb.

Secretary Home Department, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross.

Educational Secretary, Miss Mabel Head.

Editorial Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Marshall.

Field Secretary, Miss Daisy Davies.

Recording Secretaries, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

MANAGERS.

Miss Belle H. Bennett,	Mrs. E. B. Chappell,
Miss Maria L. Gibson,	Miss Daisy Davies,
Mrs. L. P. Smith,	Mrs. Hume R. Steele,
Mrs. L. G. Johnson,	Miss Mary N. Moore,
Mrs. W. F. Barnum,	Mrs. Lee Britt.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.

Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond,	Miss Estelle Haskin,
Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough,	Miss Mabel Howell.

CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Conference.	Foreign Department.	Home Department.
Alabama	Mrs. A. L. Dowdell.....	Mrs. T. D. Power.
Arkansas	Miss Nelle Denton.....	Miss Lila D. Rollston.
		(Alternate)
Baltimore	Mrs. John P. Tyler.....	Miss Vivian Conway.
	(Alternate)	
Central Texas ..	Mrs. M. L. Woods.....	Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth.
Columbia		
Denver		
East Columbia ..		
East Oklahoma ..	Mrs. H. J. Fowler.....	Mrs. J. C. Fowler.
Florida	Mrs. B. F. Holland.....	Mrs. O. D. Wetherell.
Holston	Miss B. L. Browder....	Mrs. W. B. Sullins.
Illinois		Mrs. F. W. Spicer.
Kentucky	Miss Julia Durham.....	Mrs. J. H. Spilman.
Little Rock		Mrs. Moffett Rhodes.
		(Alternate)
Los Angeles		
Louisiana	Mrs. A. P. Holt.....	Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.
Louisville	Miss Tula C. Daniel....	Mrs. J. H. Dickey.
Memphis	Mrs. T. B. King.....	Mrs. H. T. Butler.
	(Alternate)	(Alternate)
Mississippi	Mrs. W. H. La Prade...	Mrs. B. F. Lewis.
Missouri	Mrs. F. F. Stephens.....	

Conference.	Foreign Department.	Home Department.
Montana .....		.....
New Mexico		Mrs. W. R. Howell.
		(Alternate)
North Alabama.	Mrs. Z. A. West.....	Mrs. Alice Johnson.
North Carolina.	Mrs. F. D. Swindell....	Mrs. R. B. John.
North Georgia..	Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham	Mrs. J. N. McEachern.
	(Alternate)	
N. Mississippi..	Mrs. T. M. Clark.....	Miss Louise Dunstan.
North Texas ...	Mrs. George Sexton.....	Mrs. P. C. Archer.
	(Alternate)	
N. W. Texas.....		Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.
Pacific .....		.....
South Carolina.	Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood...	Mrs. D. N. Bourne.
S. Georgia.....	Mrs. E. Prentice Peabody.	Mrs. E. J. Peacock.
S. W. Missouri.	Mrs. W. T. McClure....	Mrs. George P. Gross.
St. Louis	Mrs. A. H. Robbins.....	Mrs. Edwin B. Sherzer.
Tennessee	Miss Sara Spence.....	Mrs. A. B. Smith.
Texas	Mrs. George Call.....	Mrs. John H. Spivey.
Virginia	Mrs. W. D. Southall....	Mrs. H. E. Wall.
	(Alternate)	
West Oklahoma.	Mrs. C. S. Walker.....	Mrs. C. S. Bobo.
West Texas	Mrs. M. Y. Stokes.....	Mrs. T. A. Brown.
W. N. Carolina.	Mrs. L. W. Crawford...	Mrs. Plato Durham.
		(Alternate)
Western Va. ...	Mrs. G. A. Nash.....	Mrs. S. H. Bowman.
White River ...	Mrs. J. O. Blakeney....	Mrs. W. L. Oliver.
	(Alternate)	(Alternate)

The rules of order were read. The bar was fixed.

The following were introduced as pages: Misses Bessie and Ruth Sims, Agnes and Ethel Harrell, and Christine McEachern.

The Calendar Rules were read by the Calendar Secretary, and, upon motion, were adopted by the body.

Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, recently returned from an extended visit to the foreign fields, was called to the platform and greeted with a Chautauqua salute. In a brief, enthusiastic message he emphasized the greatness of the hour in the history of missions and the wisdom of united agencies abroad and at home in helping to usher in the kingdom of God.

The President read her annual message. It was, upon motion, ordered published in the *Council Daily*, in the daily press, and its recommendations referred to the various committees. (See message, page 293.)

A condensed report of the minutes of the *ad interim* meetings of the Executive Committee was read by Mrs. Parker, Recording Secretary, and the recommendations therein included passed to the calendar.

THE CONDENSED REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL,
1912-1913.

May 6, 1912.

1. The Secretary was instructed to insert the following footnote in the Council Journal, below Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension and Estimates, Foreign Department: "Action in regard to appropriating \$400 to the Union Bible School in Nanking is deferred in conformity with deferred action upon the part of the Board of Missions."

2. On motion, Mrs. H. R. Steele was retained to promote the Forward Movement until the midyear meeting, with instructions that the work be done through the Division Managers and the Conference officers.

3. Mesdames Cobb, MacDonell, Marshall, Ross, Chappell, and Miss Head were appointed to assist Mrs. Steele, and \$3,000 was fixed as the maximum amount to be spent in pushing the Forward Movement.

4. A resolution was passed authorizing Mesdames J. H. Glide and J. P. Campbell to conduct a Forward Movement Campaign on the Pacific Coast.

5. The continuance of the joint institutes was recommended.

6. It was ordered that the allowance for office and traveling expenses of the officers and managers of the Woman's Missionary Council be paid quarterly in advance.

7. On motion, the allowance for office expenses of the editor of the *Young Christian Worker* was limited to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

May 7, 1912.

1. On motion, Item C in the Station Plan was amended by inserting the clause: "Lists of specials shall be broken into shares of \$10, \$25, and \$50."

2. It was ordered that the Station Plan as adopted in the Foreign Department be also used in the Home Department.

3. It was ordered that all literature and official communications going out from the offices in Nashville be sent to the Council officers.

4. A resolution was passed assuring Miss Ruff of sympathy because

of illness in her family, and relieving her of her work in Cienfuegos, Cuba.

5. It was ordered that \$100 be paid Miss Mary Helm for her work in writing and arranging the book, "Why and How."

6. A resolution was passed authorizing Mr. A. H. Mohn, Principal of Ruth Hargrove Institute, to place the lots at Key West, recently donated to the school by friends, on the market for sale.

7. Because of their ill health, and because of the trying altitude of Mexico City, Misses Buttrick and Barcroft were allowed to go to their respective homes at the close of the school session, to remain at home until fully restored to health and strong enough to assume full duty.

8. It was ordered that a Committee of Estimates be appointed in each department at the midyear meeting to prepare the estimates for each station, the same to be printed and submitted to the members of the Council in annual session.

9. A resolution was passed authorizing the bishop in charge and the General Secretary to sell the property formerly occupied in Wonsan, Korea, and that the receipts from the sale be sent to the home treasury.

10. A resolution was passed authorizing Mr. C. H. Trowbridge to purchase the Mitchell-Hawkins property for Brevard, upon condition that the first payment be made with the \$1,000 which was recently donated by a friend.

11. On motion, the plan of union for the proposed Union College in the Yangtze Valley, China, was referred to Miss Bennett and the General Secretary with power to act.

12. A resolution was passed accepting Emory Hall from the Misses Holden, and providing that it be held as a perpetual scholarship.

13. In view of our former Secretary's illness and the increased expense incurred thereby, it was ordered that her regular allowance be supplemented from the contingent fund.

14. On motion, \$175 from the contingent fund was appropriated toward Mrs. Kim's expenses in returning to her native land, Korea, to do evangelistic work.

May 9, 1912.

1. The motion was carried that, inasmuch as \$25,000, the original appropriation for the building of the Martha Watts Annex in Piracicaba, Brazil, was expected to cover the whole cost of the building, and inasmuch as \$1,500 was appropriated at the annual meeting for the repairs on the old building, but \$5,000 be sent to Miss Stradley in response to her request for \$8,000 required to finish the Martha Watts Annex.

2. The policy for the use of the half of dues was approved and ordered printed in a leaflet, in the *Bulletin*, and in the Annual Report.

3. A committee was instructed to recommend to the training schools that a copy of a letter from the Council to the candidates be framed and hung in each room.

June 19, 1912.

1. It was agreed that to open work at New Laredo under the Foreign Department is inexpedient.

2. Home salary was allowed Miss Booth until political conditions in Mexico would admit of her taking up her work there.

3. A tribute to Mrs. M. D. Wightman, so long a leader in the foreign work, was read.

June 26, 1912.

Relative to the refund of traveling and outfit expenses of a missionary who married before completing the five years of service the following was passed:

"Whereas the law clearly states the relation of the missionary to the Council; and whereas the law is necessary for the continuance of the work, the committee feels that the Council has no other resource than to abide by the law."

July 29, 1912.

This meeting was held that tribute might be paid to the memory of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.

August 15, 1912.

1. Permission was granted Miss Alma Jones to remain at home without salary during the illness of her mother.

2. The request of Miss Lamb for the use of an hour a day for eight months or a year, for extra work, was not granted, it being the sense of the committee that the time of the missionary belongs to the Council.

3. Because of ill health, Miss Capers was detained at home on home salary from August 1 until further notice.

4. It was ordered that the funeral expenses of the former Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be met from the Council Treasury.

5. The Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department was authorized to request from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries the privilege of preparing record books, not bound but clamped, to cover the four quarters of 1913, for the Conference Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, District Secretaries, and auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers.

6. On motion, the preparation of new organization blanks for united societies, and of membership and pledge cards was left to the two Corresponding Secretaries.

August 30, 1912.

Plans and letters concerning the building of classrooms and dormitory at Seoul, Korea, were submitted. The committee indorsed the plan approved by the General Secretary for the erection of the ladies' home and dormitory on the hill, and for the future erection on a lower level of a building for classrooms and chapel, according to government requirements; it recommended the expenditure of the \$15,000 already ap-

propriated for said home and dormitory, according to revised plans, since plans submitted are not approved by the Executive Committee; and ordered that plans be revised according to suggestions made by said committee.

September 19, 1912.

The Executive Committee met to take action upon the sudden death of Miss Sophia Manns, missionary in China, and of Miss Kate Kell, a newly appointed deaconess.

November 13, 1912.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department were instructed to sign applications to the Board of Education of the Church requesting that the Ruth Hargrove Institute be classified with said Board as Class "A" of the academies of the Church, and that Brevard Institute be classified as Class "B" of the academies of the Church.

2. The Secretary of the Home Department was authorized to write concerning a donation requested from the Home Department treasury, for Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga., that the laws of the missionary organization preclude an appropriation to any institution which is not under the management of the body, except by the consent of the Council in annual session.

3. The Secretary of the Home Department was authorized to empower Prof. C. H. Trowbridge to contract for a team of mules and outfit for Brevard Institute, the price not to exceed \$425.

4. The request of the President of the Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, Tex., for the use of the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School as a maternity clinic for the medical school was not granted.

5. The Secretary of the Home Department was instructed to communicate with the purchaser of the frame buildings on the Ann Browder Home and School property, with a view to securing \$500 interest, which was lost on the money due for the property while waiting for him to remove the buildings. She was also instructed to consult a lawyer as to the probable cost of a lawsuit to recover said interest.

6. The following were reappointed as members of the Council of Women for Home Missions for 1912-13: Miss Mary Helm, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss Vivian Conway, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Helen Gibson, Mrs. T. J. Copeland.

7. One hundred and ten dollars from the contingent fund was granted Miss Blanche Howell to cover the necessary expense of repairing the wall of the compound at Bello Horizonte, Brazil.

8. Because of the depleted condition of the force in Brazil, the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to send the quarterly drafts direct to each school, in order to relieve Miss Glenn of this part of her work, that she might be free to assist in school work.

9. A release from the duties of itinerating was granted Misses Claiborne, Lester, and Drake, that they might devote the remainder of their furloughs to study.

10. The Secretary of the Foreign Department was instructed to order one hundred copies of "The Days of June" from Revell.

11. Tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. S. W. Hitch, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference.

December 6, 1912.

1. The resignation of Miss Daisy Pyles, of Brazil, because of ill health, was accepted with regret.

2. Miss Claiborne's request that she be allowed to fulfill a mission given her in China of presenting to the Eastern colleges of the United States the cause of the Interdenominational College to be established in Nanking, was granted.

3. The resignation of Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, First Vice President of the Council, was accepted with deep regret.

4. On motion, the following amounts inadvertently omitted from the printed appropriations (\$500 to the Davidson Memorial and \$500 to the Mary Black Hospital) were allowed from the contingent fund, if necessary.

5. The committee accepted the proposition of Miss Langdon, teacher of music at Laura Haygood, that the Council forego the expense of her return to this country with the understanding that she is to be married in China and will continue to teach through June, thus fulfilling her five years' engagement.

6. The Council Treasurer was authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding \$5,000 to meet the call from Miss Stradley for additional funds required to complete the Martha Watts Annex.

7. The date was fixed for the annual meeting, a committee appointed to prepare the program, and the *Council Daily* manned as follows: Mrs. A. L. Marshall, editor, Miss F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. H. Dickey, and Miss Estelle Haskin.

Mid-Year Meeting. January 22-30, 1913.

1. The mid-year meeting was in session January 22-30. The work of the year was reviewed and plans made for the annual meeting.

2. Plans for the great Missionary Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., in the summer of 1913 were discussed, and it was agreed that the Council should bear a proportionate part of the expense of the exhibit at this Conference.

3. The action of the Steering Committee in appointing upon the Campaign Committee, among the women, Miss Head, Mrs. Chappell, and Mrs. Steele was approved, and the other four Division Managers and Miss Davies were added to the committee.

4. Mrs. W. A. Albright, of Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously elected First Vice President to succeed Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe.

5. The resignation of Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Second Vice President, was most reluctantly accepted, and Mrs. F. F. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo., was elected to fill the vacancy.

6. A committee was appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Epworth League looking to a solution of the correlation of the children's societies.

7. Mesdames MacDonell, Cobb, and Trawick were requested to confer with Dr. Moore concerning the Home Mission Week.

8. A resolution was passed authorizing the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments to pay traveling expenses and twenty-five dollars *per diem* to Dr. J. D. Trawick for any services demanded of him that may require his absence from Louisville.

9. A committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions concerning plans for a great forward movement.

10. The Council Committee on Candidates was appointed and instructed to meet one day previous to the annual meeting.

11. A committee was appointed to look over plans for the new Paine Annex and report to the Executive Committee.

12. The Secretary of the Home Department was authorized to order the payment of \$628, the amount paid by Professor Lewis for the Swiss church at London, Ky.

13. The Secretary of the Home Department was authorized to continue to pay the amounts necessary for the support of the immigrant work in Galveston and the Gulfport work, and to use \$25 a month toward the support of the deaconess at Houma, La.

14. Mrs. Cobb was appointed to represent the Council in the Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards.

15. Record was made of the fact that the Forward Movement was discontinued July 1.

16. The following interpretation of the Department of Local Work and Social Service was accepted:

(a) That by the local work of the missionary society is meant the care of parsonages, the relief of the poor and needy of the community, visiting the sick and strangers, conducting Bible classes, cottage prayer meetings, gospel services in jails and other institutions, and coöperating with the pastor for the spiritual uplift and betterment of the community. Funds raised for local work are for the local Church enterprises and may not be appropriated to outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, Y. W. C. A.'s, etc.

(b) By social service is meant the study and investigation of social questions, such as sanitation, child labor, divorce, social purity, and temperance. The Social Service Committee is intended to educate, to arouse the public interest, and to assist in bringing about social reform. It is desirable that study and investigation shall lead the

Church to undertake lines of social betterment and shall lead to Church federation and coöperation with other agencies working for better community conditions, better laws, and better law enforcement. The establishment or support of any institution or organization is not the province of the Social Service Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the funds raised in the Church for such purposes shall not be reported through the Woman's Missionary Society.

17. In reply to the request from the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference, resolutions were passed stating why it is not possible to report through the auxiliary funds raised for work for which the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is not responsible.

18. Committees were appointed to prepare the estimates in each department, the same to be referred to the members of the Council.

19. On motion, the retirement and relief funds were made uniform, a minimum assessment of five cents a year for each department being placed upon every auxiliary member.

20. The report of the Special Committee appointed to compile the laws and rules contained in the Annual Report for 1912 was read and the arrangement approved.

21. A resolution was passed expressing appreciation for the gift of a cottage at Biloxi, Miss., to be used as a rest home for deaconesses and missionaries.

22. In order to comply with the Constitution, the Committee on By-Laws was authorized to meet at an early date, the expense of the meeting to be shared by the two departments and paid from the contingent fund.

23. In a Committee of the Whole the Constitution and By-Laws were carefully considered and certain amendments recommended to the Committee on By-Laws.

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This meeting was called to hear the statement of Miss Nutt concerning her relation to the work in Saltillo, Mexico. Correspondence was reviewed and the case closed.

The committees for the annual session were announced as follows:

Committee on Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. C. W. Tolliver, Mrs. J. B. Cummins, Mrs. G. H. Boufeuillet, Mrs. J. C. Scott, Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Committee on Publicity.—Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Mabel Howell.

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Mary N. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department.—Mrs. J.

B. Cobb, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. M. Y. Stokes, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. George Thornburg, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Mrs. Charles Walker, Mrs. J. A. Ray, Mrs. J. P. Tyler, Mrs. W. D. Southall, Miss Bettie Browder, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Mrs. J. G. Blakeney, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. H. J. Fowler, Mrs. Prentice Peabody, Miss Tula Daniel, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Z. A. West, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Miss Sara Spence, Mrs. G. A. Nash, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. Frank Siler.

Committee on Extension of Work, Home Department.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. J. H. Spivey, Miss Louise Dunstan, Mrs. H. E. Wall, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Mrs. E. J. Peacock, Mrs. Moffett Rhodes, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. O. D. Wetherall, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. George Gross, Mrs. E. B. Sherzer, Mrs. J. H. Spicer, Mrs. H. F. Butler, Mrs. O. S. Bobo, Mrs. Plato Durham, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. Arch Trawick, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. Frank Siler, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. George Call, Miss Sara Spence, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. W. H. La Prade, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Miss Vivian Conway.

Committee on Children's Work.—Mrs. W. A. Albright, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. H. Spivey, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. H. F. Butler, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. John Tyler, Mrs. W. D. Southall, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Miss Mary N. Moore.

Committee on Candidates.—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. W. H. La Prade, Mrs. A. H. Robbins, Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Miss Julia Durham, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. T. McClure.

Committee on Young People's Work.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Moffett Rhodes, Mrs. E. B. Sherzer, Mrs. T. B. King, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Miss Mary N. Moore, the Secretaries, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Mrs.

George Sexton, Mrs. J. M. Hawley, the Vice Presidents, the President.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. B. F. Holland, Miss Nelle Denton, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. J. H. Dickey, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. M. L. Woods, Mrs. M. A. Todd, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. Plato Durham.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.—Mrs. F. D. Swindell, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

Committee to Name the Standing Committees.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Z. A. West, Mrs. W. T. McClure, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. P. C. Archer.

Committee on Resolutions.—Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. J. P. Tyler, Mrs. L. W. Crawford.

The printed reports of the Foreign Department and the Home Department were placed in the hands of the members. Mrs. J. B. Cobb and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell each read extracts from their reports, emphasizing the signs of promise and urging larger efficiency. The reports were received. (See reports, pages 304 and 320.)

A memorial from the White River Conference was presented.

The following ministers and brethren were presented to the body: Rev. J. W. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Birmingham; Revs. G. W. Means, W. O. Horton, M. Harris, P. L. Abernethy, J. I. Rudisill, — McDonald, of the North Alabama Conference; Rev. N. O. Thomas, New Orleans; Rev. G. H. Detwiler and Rev. G. A. Morgan, of the Tennessee Conference; Prof. J. C. Lewis, London, Ky.; Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, of Brevard; Rev. J. H. Felts, Corinth, Miss.

Dr. George H. Detwiler, of Nashville, Tenn., conducted the noon devotional service. He announced as his subject, "Prayer the Measure of Our Resources." Prayer is one of the universal, fundamental things in the universe because based upon the principle of dependence. Plant life is the inarticulate voice of prayer. The prayer of the animal world is vocalized. The test of prayer is the sense of need and the cry. There are three kinds of prayer: (1) The cry of the savage to the forces of nature, (2) prayer to these forces dei-

fied or to gods, (3) prayer to our Father. Three things stand between us and the resources of prayer—sin, willfulness, selfishness. There is an ascending scale of prayer: (1) Prayer for things, (2) prayer for character or holiness, (3) prayer for others. The earnest development and searching application of these underlying principles were received with great seriousness. Dr. Detwiler closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened at 2:05 o'clock, Miss Bennett in the chair. Mrs. W. A. Albright, First Vice President, conducted the opening service. The hymn, "Close to Thee," was sung. After reading the fifteenth chapter of John, Mrs. Albright led in prayer.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Two memorials from the Tennessee Conference and one from the missionaries in Brazil were presented. The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, which was a gratifying one, was received. (See report, page 344.)

Miss Mabel Head, Educational Secretary, made her report, expressing the greatest optimism as to the outlook for the Church at large. The report was received. (See report, page 356.)

Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Editorial Secretary, in making her report, showed by an interesting and unique chart the status of the Conferences and the number of subscriptions to the *Missionary Voice*. The report was received. (See report, page 361.)

The Field Secretary, Miss Daisy Davies, made a brief and inspiring report of her work. It was received. (See report, page 366.)

Miss Bennett at this juncture spoke gratefully of the work accomplished by Miss Head and Miss Davies, suggesting that they were in a large measure responsible for much of the growing liberality throughout the Church. She told of the \$150,000 gift, a coöperative home for young women in the city of San Francisco, by that consecrated woman, Mrs. J. H. Glide. She expressed the wish that these Secretaries might be sent to the foreign field to study the needs there and secure equipment for the largest service at home.

The following missionaries were introduced: Mrs. S. S. Harris, Sungkiang, China; Miss Eunice Andrew, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil; Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Shanghai, China; Miss Linnie Barcroft,

Mexico City; Miss Amelia Elerding, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Miss Nettie Peacock, Sungkiang, China.

Dr. Pinson spoke encouragingly of the subscription list of the *Voice*, explaining the seeming smallness of the subscription list among the men of the Church.

The Council then went into memorial session, the closing hours of the afternoon being given to the memory of those women who "had made God great in their lives." Miss Gibson, who presided, made the atmosphere one not of sorrow but of gratitude and victory.

Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham led in prayer.

Two honored and beloved women, Mrs. Trueheart and Mrs. Wightman, had long helped to shape and advance the missionary work. Into the land of immortal youth and vigor these had passed out of the time-worn and toil-worn bodies which had been "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." Mrs. Cobb paid the tribute of a close fellow worker to Mrs. Trueheart, and Mrs. Kirkwood gave a loving appreciation of Mrs. Wightman's life and work.

Mrs. S. W. Hitch, who sat in last year's counsels and helped to plan large things for the kingdom, now sees the King in his beauty. But her daughter came to take her place of responsibility, and the work of her hands has been established upon her in South Georgia. Mrs. George W. Matthews told of the marvelous power of Mrs. Hitch's personality, wholly yielded to the Spirit of God. Mrs. MacDonell also paid grateful tribute to her.

In a great heathen land needing a thousand such young lives Miss Sophia Manns had with joy laid down her life, hoping it might be the call of God to the young womanhood of her homeland to enter China's whitening harvest fields. Mrs. W. F. Barnum spoke of her as a mother might, and Mrs. S. S. Harris told of the value to the Chinese Mission of the gift of that pure, devoted spirit.

Miss Kate Kell, the young deaconess, ere she could enter the field assigned her, had gone with the joyous longing for service in her heart out of this life into the larger, knowing that in the Father's house of many mansions there must be ever need for his servants to serve him. Miss Mabel Howell told of her course as a student and the deep spiritual life that had been attained, the hungering and thirsting after righteousness that had characterized her.

Mrs. MacDonell spoke in earnest appreciation of Mrs. Edna Standifer, the faithful teacher among the Japanese on the Pacific

Coast, by whose seemingly untimely death these spiritually needy foreigners have been deeply bereaved.

Miss Bennett, in speaking of these friends, said that to her the chief characteristic, the keynote of Mrs. Trueheart's Christian life had been honesty, that of Mrs. Wightman inspirational power, and that of Mrs. Hitch service.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. W. F. Quillian, of the Methodist Training School, and from this holy hour all went away, not oppressed by sorrow, but with a strange sense of peace, "for their works do follow them."

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met for its second day's session Friday morning at nine o'clock, Miss Bennett in the chair.

The devotional service, led by Mrs. F. F. Stephens, consisted of a hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus with You," a Scripture lesson from the twelfth chapter of Second Corinthians, with comments thereon, and prayer, led by Miss Tula Daniel and Miss Vivian Conway. The service closed with a hymn, "O for a Closer Walk with God!"

The roll was called, and the presence of Mrs. R. B. John, of North Carolina, was noted with pleasure.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's session were read and approved.

A letter of greeting to the Council and of regret because of his inability to be present at the meeting, from Dr. Ed F. Cook, was read by the Secretary.

Rev. W. F. Quillian, of the Methodist Training School for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and spoke of his appreciation of the work and coöperation of the Council, and stated that seventy-five per cent of the graduates of the institution are working under the Woman's Missionary Council.

Memorials were presented from the Methodist Training School for Christian Workers, the South Carolina Conference, and the Union Bible School for Women, China Mission Conference.

Because of the illness of the former First Vice President, who had been unable to prepare a report, the report of the Children's Department was given informally by Mrs. W. A. Albright, the newly elected First Vice President. She made a plea for placing the

child in the midst of every department of work, and recommended a campaign for organization and education in mission work and an enlargement of service and offerings.

The report of the Young People's Department, as prepared by the recently resigned Second Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, was read by Mrs. F. F. Stephens, the new Second Vice President, and received. (See report, page 300.)

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send messages of greeting and love to Mrs. T. G. Ratcliffe, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, Mrs. F. A. Butler, and Miss Mary Helm.

Dr. A. J. Lamar was introduced and gave a brief greeting.

The report of the Department of Christian Stewardship and Mission Study was read by Mrs. J. W. Perry, Third Vice President, and received. (See report, page 302.)

The report of the Department of Social Service and Local Work was read by Mrs. Arch Trawick, Fourth Vice President, and received. (See report, page 303.)

The report of the Bureau of Supplies was given with characteristic comments by Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Bureau, and received. (See report, page 379.)

The report of the Bureau of Press Work was read by Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Superintendent of the Bureau, and received. (See report, page 375.)

Report No. 1 of the Standing Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mabel Howell and referred to the calendar.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 2 was suspended, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was placed upon the calendar without reading, and copies of the report were distributed to members of the body.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 2 was again suspended, and the report of the Committee on Estimates, Foreign Department, was placed on the calendar without reading, and copies of the report were distributed to members of the body.

The report of the Standing Committee on Literature was read by the Secretary of the committee, Mrs. Arch Trawick, and placed on the calendar.

Recommendations from the Executive Committee were taken from the calendar and considered item by item. The first recommenda-

tion was accepted, as follows: "That the present press policy, as expressed in the booklet, 'Helps,' with the exception of the clause, 'Using the report blanks which may be secured from Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Gainesville, Ga.,' be adopted."

On motion of Miss Tula Daniel, the second recommendation was amended by striking out the word "two" and inserting the word "three" and adopted as follows: "That the *Bulletins* be sent through the Press Superintendents, one copy to each Conference officer, one to each District Secretary, and three to each auxiliary, with the understanding that one is for the President."

The third recommendation, calling for a Secretary of the Home Base, was read. By request, the necessity for a Secretary of the Home Base and a definition of the duties of such an officer were explained by Miss Bennett, who stated clearly that the term "home base" refers not to the work of the Home Department, but to the constituency back of both departments. Several, including Miss Moore, Miss Gibson, and Dr. Pinson, spoke on the subject.

It was moved by Miss Moore and seconded by Mrs. Perry that action on this recommendation be deferred and made the order of business for the afternoon at three o'clock; that a paper defining the duty of such an officer be presented at the same time by the Executive Committee.

The motion prevailed.

The President of the Alabama Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Weizel, who brought greetings from the Foreign and Home Mission Department of the National and Alabama Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was introduced. She spoke graciously of the harmony in the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and presented a beautiful bunch of Easter lilies with the following words:

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on."

Miss Bennett graciously received the lilies and returned greetings to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Hamilton, State Organizer of the Baptist Union, was introduced and spoke a few words of greeting.

The following ministers were introduced: Dr. McVoy, Highland

Church, Birmingham; Rev. B. T. Waites, St. John's Church, Birmingham; Dr. J. A. Bowen, evangelist from the North Alabama Conference; Rev. F. W. Spicer, Illinois Conference; Rev. W. T. Andrews, North Alabama Conference; Rev. J. N. Ferguson, North Alabama Conference; Rev. J. S. Duke, North Mississippi Conference; Dr. A. P. McFerrin, North Alabama Conference; Rev. Nath Thompson, North Georgia Conference; Rev. S. T. Slaton, Norwood Church, Birmingham.

Announcements were made and the noon devotions opened with the hymn, "O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink!" Miss Fannie Taylor sang as a solo "Just for To-Day." Dr. Detwiler gave a soul-stirring message on "Faith the Measure of Power." He said in part: "Faith is the great dynamic force of human life. It is not a faculty; it is a great primal movement of the whole man. Faith as a primal force has to do with the intellect. In the ordinary use of the term, it is simply commitment, a personal transference of ourselves to God. It must include trust. Faith works automatically and depends more on the object than the quality. Have faith in God, faith in folks, faith in things, instruments, organizations, agencies. Faith is the pioneer of the soul."

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council met in the afternoon session at 2 P.M., Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair. After singing the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," Miss Nettie Peacock led the devotional service, drawing a lesson from the ninth verse of the sixteenth chapter of Second Chronicles. The service closed with the hymn, "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following memorials were presented and sent to the Calendar Clerk for distribution: From the Executive Committee, from a number of members of the body, from the white members of the faculty of Paine College, and from the Mississippi Conference.

Mrs. A. B. Smith, Secretary of the Home Department, Tennessee Conference, was recognized and took her place in the body, which had been filled since the opening session by the alternate, Mrs. W. C. Pollard.

The report of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible

and Training School was read by Miss Mabel K. Howell and received. (See report, page 390.)

On motion, the following reports without recommendations were taken from the calendar and passed to the Secretary for record: Report No. 1 on City Missions and Deaconess Work, and the report of the Standing Committee on Literature. (See reports, pages 396 and 400.)

The report of the Department of Religious and Social Service of the Methodist Training School was read by Miss Haskin and received. (See report, page 392.)

Mrs. F. W. Spicer, Secretary of the Home Department, Illinois Conference, who had just arrived, was recognized and seated.

Miss Bennett took the chair.

At three o'clock, the business of the hour being the consideration of a Secretary of the Home Base and the definition of her duties, the following papers were read:

The Executive Committee recommend that a Secretary of the Home Base be elected, and that a Special Committee be appointed to outline her duties and present the same to the Council in this annual session for ratification.

The Secretary of the Home Base shall conduct the correspondence with Conference Secretaries of both Home and Foreign Departments. She shall receive from them reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall have charge of the distribution of all literature and supplies necessary for the conduct of the work in the Conferences. She shall, with the managers, and with the Educational and Field Secretaries, plan for itineraries, Conference and special meetings, and in all other practical ways strengthen the home base.

On motion, the papers were adopted as read by a standing vote of 75 ayes to 5 nays.

A petition from the China Mission Conference, asking that the schools be correlated, was presented by Dr. Pinson and passed to the calendar to be passed to the Committee on Extension, Foreign Department.

Miss Gibson and Miss Haskin came within the altar rail with the following candidates for foreign work: Misses Mary J. Baxter, Blanche Webb, Eva Hardie, Bessie Hardie, Edith Brittingham, Lela Bliler, Agnes Graham, Bertha Alloway, Ethel McCaughan, and Dr. Hattie Love. The President expressed to Miss Gibson the

thanks of the body for the class, and then called the following deaconesses and city missionaries to join the foreign candidates, Misses Myrtle Long, Jennie Ducker, Fannie Scott, Susie Belle Jeter, Edith Leighty, Ethelyn Knapp, Grace Hemenway, May Ora Durham, May Shelton, Martha DuPree, Alice Jones, Aletha Graham, Cornelia Godbey, Dollie Crim, Adeline Peeples, Dora Hoover, Della Perkins, Constance Palmore, Mollie Womack, Daisy Duncan, Helen Burr, Lotie Adams, Helen Gibson; then the following heads of institutions, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Miss Gibson, Miss Haskin, Miss Howell. These were given the Chautauqua salute, and Dr. Pinson led in prayer for all these workers.

Committees were called and announcements made.

Dr. George Sexton was introduced, and spoke a word of greeting and asked an interest in the prayers of the women.

After the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Sexton, the Council adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was opened with devotional service led by Miss Eunice Andrew, of Brazil. "He Leadeth Me" was sung. After leading in prayer, Miss Andrew developed from Matthew ix. 36-38 the thought that Jesus Christ is evermore the great Shepherd of the lost or fainting sheep.

The Council was called to order at 9:30, the President in the chair.

The roll call was omitted.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The following telegram was read:

The Missionary Society of Travis Park Church, San Antonio, sends greetings. Realizing the great responsibility resting on the Council, we ask God to grant wisdom and strength in all your undertakings.

MRS. WILLIAM WILL, *Press Superintendent.*

The reports of the territorial managers were taken up. Mrs. Luke Johnson, of the Southeastern Division, and Mrs. Lee Britt, of the Eastern, made their reports, which were received. (See reports, pages 367 and 369.)

Mrs. W. F. Barnum and Mrs. L. P. Smith, of the Western Division, read their reports, which were received. (See reports, page 373.)

The President asked that Mrs. Barnum read a recent letter from the President of the City Mission Board of Los Angeles, Cal., in regard to the opening of a most successful clinic in the Mexican quarter of that city. Miss Bennett prefaced the reading of the letter by an explanation of the conditions in Los Angeles.

The joint report of the managers of the Central Division, Mrs. H. R. Steele and Mrs. E. B. Chappell, was read by Mrs. Steele and received. (See report, page 372.)

Miss Gibson read the report for the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and also read the financial report of Miss Billingsley, the Treasurer. These reports were accepted. (See reports, pages 380 and 387.)

Miss Bennett spoke of the meager endowment of the school and urged that members seek during the year to secure annuity funds and other funds available for the endowment of the institution.

Bishop J. H. McCoy was presented to the body and expressed his interest in the work of the Council.

Bishop Walter R. Lambuth, the honored and beloved helper of the women throughout all the years of their work, was presented and gave a word of exhortation and encouragement.

Dr. John M. Moore, Secretary of the Home Department, was introduced and gave a most cordial greeting. His words, "You are undertaking to do more things than all the General Conferences; you are representing all the women of Southern Methodism," brought to the body a humbling sense of responsibility.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell read the report of the special committee appointed to visit the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The report was placed on the calendar.

Rev. Nath Thompson, of the North Georgia Conference, was called to the platform. He asked that a verse of "The Sweet By and By" be sung, not with reference to the next world, but with reference to this. After the song, he gave characteristic words of greeting. He told briefly some leading facts in the life of Mr. Sam Tate, of Tate, Ga. He presented a communication from Mr. Tate offering a tract of land and \$50,000 to the Woman's Missionary Council for the establishment of a vocational school and recreation grounds for the mountain people. By motion, the matter was referred to a special committee, which was appointed as follows: Mrs. F. F. Stephens,

Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. A. Albright. //

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work for the Home Department was read by Mrs. MacDonell and sent to the calendar.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was sent to the calendar without a reading, copies of the same having been sent to the members of the Council before the meeting.

Mrs. S. S. Harris, of China, upon being presented, referred to the meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions thirteen years ago in the city of Birmingham. She spoke eloquently of the loneliness and hardness of the early years of service given by the young missionaries and pleaded for intense sympathy with them. She spoke of China's needs in education, in her financial system, and in all social customs. She tried to visualize to the body the twenty-five millions of people in the comparatively small area occupied by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Day schools and larger evangelistic work are the supreme needs of the immediate present. Displaying a mutilated god, broken by an official who last year passed through and cast out all the idols in a temple in a Chinese city, she pleaded that the place vacated by the idols of China might not be usurped by Buddhism, which is seeking now to reassert its power. As she unfolded the colors of the flag of the Chinese republic, she urged that the millions who now are beginning to breathe the air of freedom under the rainbow flag might have large love and liberality from the American people.

A resolution from the Executive Committee, four resolutions calling for special committees, one from the China Mission Conference, and one calling for a union Week of Prayer were presented.

The Committee on Public Worship made its report.

Upon motion, it was determined to hold a business meeting from two to three o'clock in the afternoon and a conference of workers from three to four.

Rev. R. M. Archibald, Missionary Secretary of the North Alabama Conference, and Rev. Charles P. Hounshell, Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement of North America, were introduced. Mr. Hounshell announced with gratitude that a few days before in the State University of Texas he had met a group of fifteen volunteers. Connected with the announcement that Kansas City would

be the place for the next meeting of the Student Volunteer Convention, he stated that the evangelization of the world is a thought and an aim that bring together the largest body of students in the world.

Rev. L. C. Branscomb, presiding elder of the Birmingham District, and Rev. J. B. Simpson, President of the Birmingham College, and Misses Emma and Tina Tucker, old and tried friends and coworkers, were introduced.

"Help Me to Be Holy," sung by the quartet of the North Alabama Conference Society, was a fitting prelude to the noon devotional service.

Dr. Detwiler announced as his theme "Love the Measure of Our Sacrifice," emphasizing the following points:

1. Love is not an emotion, but a principle. Liking and loving are very different in their nature. Our likes are not under the control of the will, because based upon congeniality of taste and temperament. (a) Love is different from natural affection. Love is under the control of the will. (b) Love and philanthropy are different.

2. Love is the greatest thing in the universe. It is our primal but lost inheritance, and must be brought into our hearts from without. There are only two kinds of people in the world: those having the love of God and those without it.

3. There is nothing in God's nature that cannot be summed up in love: He is love; love is God. With him wisdom is love in intelligence, power is love in exercise, holiness is love in personal self-expression.

4. With us love is an acquisition; it is being saved by grace.

What are the results of the acquisition? (a) Love becomes the controlling principle. It accomplishes what pride, will power, æsthetical taste cannot accomplish. Life constantly thrusts upon us things to be done that cannot be done except under the impulse of love. In natural affection emotion comes first, ending in action. Emotion comes at the other end of love's transaction. (b) Love becomes the regulating principle. Our criticism of other people grows out of our disproportionate virtues. Love is the only power that will bring us the hard virtues. The only prayer that ever makes character is hard work. The more love we have, the more poise, the more control, the more strength. (c) Love manifests itself in personal sacrifice. It serves best along the lines of most resistance. When the point is reached when sacrifice is hard, the limit of love is reached. Love is a rational, dynamic basis for life.

It is only when we are pushing our activities up to the envioning line of God's love that there is sacrificial service. We ought to pray for a clean, cold love that serves right on through lack of recognition, neglect, indifference, opposition, misunderstanding.

In the quiet atmosphere, where deep heart-searching was going on, Bishop Lambuth, by request, led in prayer. He prayed especially for Mrs. Alice Johnson, summoned to the bedside of her husband, who has been ill for some months.

Bishop Lambuth pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn 408, "Lead On, O King Eternal," was sung at the opening of the afternoon session, and Miss Daisy Davies led in prayer.

The roll call was omitted.

Mrs. W. R. Howell, of the New Mexico Conference, was announced as a duly accepted delegate.

Mrs. Emmett Ledbetter was enrolled as delegate in place of Mrs. Alice Johnson, temporarily called away.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Howell and placed upon the calendar. A paper from the District Conference of the Birmingham District was presented and placed upon the calendar.

The report of the Methodist Dormitory, at Denton, Tex., was read by the Recording Secretary, and was accepted. (See report, page 394.) In this connection Miss Bennett stressed again the duty of the Church in seizing the opportunities offered at the great State institutions for bringing the young manhood and womanhood of the country under Christian influence.

Recommendations from Report No. 1 of the Committee on City Mission and Deaconess Work as to new deaconesses and city missionaries were read and placed upon the calendar.

The report of the Committee on Estimates for the Foreign Department was taken up and the appropriations for Cuba first considered. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The report for Cuba, as a whole, was adopted. (See report, page 419.)

Recommendations for China were read and considered by stations. Mrs. Harris, by request, spoke of the conditions and needs of the Shanghai District. The item as to Hongkew was amended, making an appropriation of \$300 instead of \$200. The estimates for Shanghai were adopted as amended. (See report, page 409.) By request, Miss Claiborne made a statement in regard to the greatly needed enlargement of McTyeire, pleading earnestly that the congested sit-

uation be relieved. The total appropriations for Shanghai District were adopted.

The election of officers was, upon motion, made the special order of business for 3 P.M. Monday.

Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Mrs. E. B. Chappell were, upon motion, made a special committee for decision as to the preparation of uniform report blanks.

By motion, the Workers' Conference was deferred, that the committees might have longer time for work.

Upon motion of Mrs. Swindell, Robert's "Rules of Order" was adopted as the parliamentary guide of the body.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Miss Bennett.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met for its fourth day's session on Monday morning at nine o'clock, Mrs. F. F. Stephens in the chair.

The meeting was opened with devotional service conducted by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, consisting of the hymn, "Blessed Assurance," a lesson drawn from the familiar story of Martha's service and Mary's devotion and of other women of the Bible used of God in his work, and a prayer.

The roll was called.

The minutes of Saturday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

It was moved by Mrs. Call and seconded by Miss Moore that the action of the last session in making Robert's "Rules of Order" the parliamentary guide of the body be reconsidered.

The motion prevailed.

"Parliamentary Rules Made Easy," by Mrs. Longan, was suggested.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Laws was read by Mrs. H. R. Steele.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 3 was suspended and the report considered at once.

On motion, the report was adopted as read. (See report, page 441.)

It was moved by Miss Moore that the Committee on Educational Institutions be so enlarged that it may be enabled to have a quorum when the committee is called, and thus accomplish its work. It was so ordered, and the Chair was requested to appoint the additional members later.

Miss Bennett took the chair.

The business of the calendar was taken up.

The first item was the consideration of the report of the Committee on Estimates, Foreign Department. The estimates for Soochow were read.

It was moved and seconded that the report be amended by adding \$600 for additional land at Davidson Memorial.

The motion prevailed.

Miss Emma Lester, missionary, was called to tell of the work and needs of the unique industrial plant at this station. "It is not a place where industrial training is given. It is a means of livelihood for the Chinese women and the opportunity of the missionaries to give the women the bread of life. The need is to put it on a business basis."

Dr. Pinson was called to speak especially of the industrial department, which he characterized as "pretty nearly perfect." He said that here the women with intent interest lay down their needles and thimbles at the noon hour to receive instruction in the Bible. Thirty women have been received in the Church and one hundred enrolled as probationers, which signifies their readiness to renounce Buddhism and come into the Church. Miss Bennett made an appeal for a commercial agent who would create a demand for the work done in this plant, and thus offer a living to the converts.

Miss Gaines, of Hiroshima, Japan, was introduced and given the Chautauqua salute. She spoke especially to emphasize Miss Lester's appeal for a school for the training of teachers.

It was moved by Mrs. La Prade and seconded that the appropriations for Soochow be amended by adding \$1,600 to the amounts already listed.

Mrs. Swindell moved, as a substitute for Mrs. La Prade's motion, that the final vote on the appropriations be suspended until all fields are heard from, and that the amount left be appropriated to the Davidson Memorial enlargement and the Susan B. Wilson enlargement.

On motion, the substitute was adopted.

Sung Whan Shung, the granddaughter of the Bible woman Sung, now a student at Athens Female College and a living argument for the work at Davidson Memorial, was introduced and sang a well-known gospel hymn, to the delight of all present.

It was moved by Mrs. MacDonell that Calendar Rule No. 5 be suspended in order that another report might be considered before completing the estimates of the Foreign Department, thus keeping before the body both departments of work.

The motion prevailed, and that section of the report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, relating to the Florida Coast work was read by the Calendar Clerk.

Prof. A. H. Mohn, Principal of the Ruth Hargrove Institute, was introduced and spoke in detail of the work in Tampa and of the needs of the schools there.

Miss Lotie Adams, Principal of the Wolff Mission School, was presented and spoke briefly of the work and needs of the school.

Mrs. MacDonell spoke of the former pupils in the Cuban schools who are now teaching in the schools.

By request, Dr. John Moore spoke of the high grade of work done. He paid special tribute to Miss Wright, who is in charge of the Sub-Cuban school in Key West. He told of recent purchases in Key West, and of plans for the religious life of that city.

It was moved by Mrs. F. D. Swindell that a rising vote of thanks be given Miss Head for the very fine display of exhibits she has given on this occasion.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved by Mrs. L. P. Smith that a Nominating Committee be appointed to bring in nominations for the offices to be filled in the afternoon at three o'clock.

It was moved by Mrs. Swindell and seconded that this motion be tabled.

The roll was called. The ayes and noes were taken, and the motion to table carried by a vote of 77 ayes to 22 noes.

Committees were called, announcements were made, and the session adjourned for the noon devotions.

After the singing of the hymn "Blessed Assurance" and prayer, Dr. Detwiler gave an inspiring message on "Hope the Measure of Our Optimism." He said that hope is awakened expectation; add

to expectation something that stirs and invigorates, and you have hope. There is a vast difference between hoping and wishing. Our hopes are solemn things and must rest on sure foundations. The real, undying, imperishable hope is the Christian hope, the "lively hope." What has been done creates the hope in what is to be done. The hope for the other man's salvation is kindled from the hope you have in yourself. So long as you feel the work going on in your own soul you can see it going on elsewhere, and *vice versâ*. Hopes are born where sweat drops are wrung out of us, deep red, with sacrifice and pain. We need a larger optimism in the Church, but we will not get it until we learn that hope is an experience.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 2:15 with devotional service led by Miss Elerding, of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was read by Miss Conway and placed on the calendar.

Dr. John M. Moore spoke with approval of the report just read, and expressed a desire that a copy of that portion of the report bearing on the negro question be sent to every paper in Southern Methodism.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mabel Howell and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was read by Mrs. Nat Rollins and placed on the calendar.

In accordance with the action of the morning session in enlarging the Committee on Educational Institutions, the Chair named the following as members of the committee: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. R. B. John, Miss M. L. Gibson.

The request of the Calendar Clerk, that Rule No. 5 be suspended in order that Report No. 2 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work might be considered at once, was granted by the required vote.

The report was read, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 398.)

The following telegrams were read by Mrs. Frank Siler, Recording Secretary:

WACO, TEX., April 14, 1913.

Miss Belle Bennett, President Woman's Missionary Council, Birmingham, Ala.

You are cordially invited to hold your next meeting in the central city of the Lone Star State. All Waco will do her best.

J. H. MACKEY, *Mayor*;

E. F. DRAKE, *Secretary Chamber of Commerce*;

MRS. F. M. ALLEN, *President Federated Society*;

W. B. ANDREWS, *President Ministers' Association*.

DEMING, N. MEX., April 12, 1913.

Miss Belle Bennett, care Woman's Missionary Council, Birmingham, Ala.

The women of the New Mexico Conference send loving greetings to the Council. We are remembering you daily in our prayers. Again we extend a most cordial invitation to you to hold your next session with us at El Paso, Tex.

MRS. J. ALLEN RAY.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to reply to these telegrams.

The hour set for the election of three officers having come, the bar was cleared, the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung, and a season of prayer entered upon.

The President named the following officers to be elected: First and Second Vice Presidents and Secretary of the Home Base.

Misses Conway and Moore and Mrs. Holt were appointed tellers.

The ballot for nominations for First Vice President was taken.

On motion, the informal ballot was made the formal ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. W. A. Albright as First Vice President.

The ballot for nominations for Second Vice President was taken.

On motion, the informal ballot was made the formal ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. F. F. Stephens as Second Vice President.

The ballot for nominations for Secretary of the Home Base was taken. This resulted in the nomination of Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb and Mrs. Hume R. Steele.

The ballot for election was taken, and Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb was elected Secretary of the Home Base by a vote of 43 to 37.

Prayer for the new officers was offered by Dr. W. W. Pinson.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to wire Mrs. Lipscomb at once, announcing her election to the office of Secretary of the Home Base and requesting an immediate reply and her presence during the remaining sessions of the meeting.

A resolution from the Executive Committee was read by Mrs. Siler.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 4 was suspended and the resolution put upon its passage at once.

On motion, the resolution was adopted as read, as follows:

Whereas Dr. John D. Trawick, Chairman of the Medical Board of the Board of Missions, recommends that Miss Mabel Head, Educational Secretary of the Council, be relieved of all work for a period of time; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Executive Committee, recommend that Miss Head be released from office and field work for six months or longer with salary.

A season of prayer for Miss Head's comfort and complete restoration was entered upon.

Dr. Trawick spoke as friend and physician of Miss Head's condition, and suggested that the itinerating of the Secretaries be limited in some way and provision made for Secretaries who itinerate and those who do not, to have some rest.

It was moved by Mrs. Siler and seconded that a bunch of flowers be sent with the resolution to Miss Head.

Announcements were made, committees called, and the meeting adjourned after receiving the benediction.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Miss Emma Lester, of Soochow, China, conducted the devotional service. After Hymn 171, "Hail, Thou Once Despisèd Jesus," she led in prayer. Philippians iii. 8-10, Ephesians i. 18, Romans iv. 17 were given as the basis of the lesson developed. Next to our redemption comes the blessed assurance of the power of the resurrection of the Son of God. If God is in us, all his energies are ours. Our failure to take the world is our failure to appropriate God. An illustration was given of a Chinese woman who found life in a Christian hospital, education in a Christian school, and spiritual life in Jesus Christ.

At 9:15 the Council was called to order, the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following telegrams were read by the Recording Secretary:

BROOKHAVEN, MISS.

Mrs. Frank Siler, Woman's Missionary Council, at First Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Accept election as call to service. Will arrive Wednesday morning.

B. W. LIPSCOMB.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 14, 1913.

Miss Belle Bennett, First Church, Birmingham, Ala.

The Woman's Board of City Missions of Kansas City, Mo., is praying that the Holy Spirit may guide the Woman's Missionary Council in all its work and deliberations.

[Not signed.]

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 14, 1913.

Mrs. Frank Siler, Woman's Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Birmingham, Ala.

Affectionate greetings to officers and members of the Council. Deeply regret not being with you and appreciate your thought of me. Thomas G. Ratcliffe, Jr., bids me say he will champion woman's work in missions and in due time will join the battle for God and right. Abundant blessing upon you.

KATE FLATEAU RATCLIFFE.

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read by Mrs. W. B. Sullins.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was taken up, and the appropriations for the Sue Bennett School considered and approved. Prof. J. C. Lewis, Principal, was requested to speak to the subject. He stated that the school had been made one of the high schools of Kentucky, and, without sacrificing its character as a Christian school, had secured correlation with the State University. Two new buildings were greatly needed—one a chapel where the student body might come together. In the ever-enlarging opportunity there is a challenge to the Church to show what a really Christian secondary school can do.

The estimates for Brevard Institute were read. As Professor Trowbridge had been compelled to leave the city, Mrs. Ross was asked to speak in behalf of the school. Professor Lewis also spoke in warm commendation of Mr. Trowbridge and his work. The appropriation was approved.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Foreign Department, was resumed and the appropriations for Korea considered. Miss Lillian Nichols pleaded for Seoul, showing how difficult it is to do the best work in the present crowded quarters. Mrs. Cobb explained why the \$15,000 appropriated for a girls' school had not been used.

and stated that a request had now come for the building of a woman's hall, and that this would soon be done. Appropriations for Seoul, Songdo, and Wonsan were approved. The appropriation to Choon Chun was amended by granting \$800 instead of \$400 for day schools.

The report relating to Korea was adopted as amended.

Miss Bennett pleaded that the lives of the women might be so yielded to the Spirit of God that they could secure money sufficient for supplying the needed day schools. After some inquiries as to the comparative cost of these schools in different mission fields, the President asked that there should be in the future some plan formed for rightly regulating the cost.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was resumed, and the Vashti Industrial School was considered. Mr. E. E. Bishop was introduced. In beginning his talk, he read two applications from different sources as concrete examples of the scope of the school. Three hundred such applications are received every year, and in the brief history of Vashti one thousand girls have been turned away unsheltered, unhelped. It is estimated that fifty thousand girls go astray annually from lack of protection. It is a blot upon our civilization that, while our great Christian government spends millions upon its army and navy, not one cent does it spend for homeless girls. The white slave traffic is ten times worse than African slavery. It would require four hundred institutions of the capacity of Vashti and \$4,000,000 a year to do the needed work. There is no other Protestant institution in all the Southland set for this work. Much cannot be done until the public conscience is aroused.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Miss Mary Moore, and Mrs. L. P. Smith urged the meeting of this tremendous need by the State.

Mr. Bishop told of the tender to the Woman's Missionary Council by the city of Thomasville of a piece of school property worth \$60,000. Miss Bennett spoke of the property as in every way desirable, but possibly not capable of use by the Council. X -

Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Siler, and Miss Claiborne discussed varying public activities and private agencies, or the lack of these, being used of God to create a world-wide conscience as to purity.

The estimates for Vashti Industrial School were approved.

The Virginia K. Johnson Home and School was taken up. The white-haired mother of the institution—"Saint Virginia," as the Texas preachers call her—was presented to the body and responded in her characteristic way to the Chautauqua salute given.

Mrs. Ora M. Abbott, Principal, spoke to the subject. In resenting the word "fallen," as applicable to the young girls in the home, she depicted the starved social lives of the country girls who drift into sin through a lack of intellectual quickening and utter ignorance of their heritage of womanhood.

Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith, house physician, in burning words vindicated the right of a girl not "fallen," but "felled," to the life made possible by the compassionate Christ.

The estimates for the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School were approved.

The consideration of estimates of the Foreign Department was resumed, and Brazil was taken up. Bishop Lambuth, whom the President presented this time as "bishop of Brazil," brought the needs of that great empire in a thrilling message. He urged that it might not be with Brazil as it had been with Japan years ago when "the Church stood palsied upon the threshold of a lost opportunity." He regretted the breaking down of the women missionaries, pleading that the highest efficiency might be made possible to them by a liberal provision. In picturing the unsurpassed opportunities in Rio de Janeiro and Ribeirao Preto came the impassioned utterance: "What Duff did for India, if you'll give me the men and the women, I'll do for Brazil."

The appropriations for Rio, Piracicaba, Juiz de Fora, Petropolis, and Sao Paulo were approved.

Bishop Lambuth spoke in high commendation of Miss Elerding's evangelistic work in Sao Paulo.

The appropriation for Ribeirao Preto was considered, and Miss Eunice Andrew stated the condition and needs here in the great educational center of the greatest coffee district in the world. The magnificent grounds already owned demand a building equal to the opportunity of this school, the only one that stands for Christ in this large and Christless city. She closed her plea with the reminder that the evangelical Church that does most for the education of the children will be the Church of the future. Bishop Lambuth spoke of her untiring energy and marked success as an economist.

He recalled the days of the yellow fever epidemic in Ribeirao Preto, when the missionaries there nursed 800 patients, and by their loving ministry had gripped the whole community.

The appropriations for Ribeirao Preto were approved.

Miss Nannie B. Gaines, Principal of the Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima, Japan, was asked to speak of the outlook in Japan. She defended the Japanese against the charge of fickleness by recalling how rapidly the island empire had had to fall in line with the rest of the world. Political economy was once the favorite topic of conversation with the Japanese women, but domestic economy is now the all-absorbing subject. Obedience and a self-sacrificing spirit are required and expected of Japanese women. When to these the element of Christian self-sacrifice is added, there is produced the finest character in the world. An illustration was given of a noble life devoted to the most loving service to the poor and neglected. From the Hiroshima School, where last year the enrollment was more than 700, the graduating class will this year go out Christians. Yet the Buddhist schools turn out every year more graduates than are found in all the high school departments of the Hiroshima School. The work chiefly needed in Japan and Korea is that of training the teachers. Japan is earnestly seeking to give to Korea and Manchuria a worthy educational system. The whole schedule of the Southern Manchurian Railway is made to get the children to school. The Governor-General of Korea expressed in an interview with her the keenest interest in the education of girls especially, and stated that he would be glad to have his daughters placed in American families where they could mingle with the other women of the world. Miss Gaines pleaded as earnestly for Korea as she did for her own mission field.

At the close of this full and inspiring morning session it was, upon motion of Miss Moore, determined that the President of the Council should prepare a message to be sent to President Wilson urging the recognition of the Chinese republic, the resolution to be read at the afternoon and again at the evening session.

After Hymn 410, "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak," was sung, Dr. Detwiler gave as his theme "Incarnation the Principle of Adaptation." He said in part:

The one thing we need to see first in the spirit world, which is the real world, is self-expression. We are the self-expression of God thrown

out into the material. The material universe is the educative environment of the human. The thick veil of flesh makes it hard to express ourselves. God and we are kinsfolk. We want him. Our cry is: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

With all our longings, we are not able to find him. He had to devise a way of getting to us. This revelation is in Christ Jesus. The atonement is a message; the incarnation is a principle.

The marvel of Jesus is his power of adaptation. Finding the solidarity of the race broken up into little groups of men, he had to approach them in some way that would make common appeal to them all.

God must express himself in terms of my being. I reach up to him; he reaches down to me. All life interlaps. We are earthly; God is not. We are psychic; so is God. We are spiritual; so is God. Into this overlapping territory of life he came down.

The fundamental principle of all teaching is sympathy. This common ground does not lie in the things we do not have, but in the things we do have. A common ground of ignorance must be found by the wise man in helping the ignorant. Jesus was like us except he was without sin. His incarnation was his self-expression in terms of our life. The winner of souls and of lives must have the power of self-translation into the lives he would win. No chain of archangels reaching from heaven to earth could ever pull man up to God. The Lord Christ came down and down, ever down into the blackness of our mortal night and got under the weight of human woe and sin and began to lift it toward the light. No path of service is ever too lowly for the child of God if he would be like his Lord.

Mrs. George W. Matthews sang "Make My Heart Right at Any Cost," and Dr. Detwiler closed with prayer.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Mary Daniel, Head Resident at the Atlanta Wesley House, led the opening service. After the hymn, "The Rock That Is Higher than I," followed by prayer led by Miss Gibson, several passages were read, showing the beauty and necessity of discipline for the child of God.

At 2:20 o'clock the Third Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, called the meeting to order.

The service of song was continued until a quorum could be obtained.

At 2:30 the body was ready for business.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Candidates was read and placed on the calendar.

Miss Bennett took the chair.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Candidates was read.

By motion, Calendar Rule No. 2 was suspended and Report No. 2 was adopted as follows:

Your committee brings to you thirteen young women who, having met all requirements, will receive certificates of graduation from their respective Bible and training schools at the close of the present sessions. It is with pardonable pride that we present to you this strong, earnest, well-equipped class. They take first rank among those whom you have accepted and who now represent you in the distant fields occupied by the Council.

Your committee has rejoiced in the thorough preparation of body, brain, and heart as shown in the papers submitted; but as we have faced the fact that in some fields every one of the thirteen is needed and in others we might place half the force, we are constrained to send out the call to young women throughout our borders: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

With a stern realization of the unmet need, but in gratitude for the lives to-day offered and in faith and hope that many more will respond to the call, we submit the following for acceptance and appointment:

CHINA.

Miss Bertha Attaway, Gray Court, S. C., South Carolina Conference.
 Dr. Hattie Love, Sweetwater, Tenn., Holston Conference.
 Miss Lela Bliler, Kansas City, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference.
 Miss Caroline Hedstrom, Montclair, N. J.
 Miss Laura Mitchell, Arcadia, Fla., Florida Conference.

BRAZIL.

Miss Blanche Webb, Chattanooga, Tenn., Holston Conference.
 Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Huntsville, Ala., North Alabama Conference.

KOREA.

Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Comanche, Tex., Central Texas Conference.
 Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul, Korea, South Georgia Conference.
 Miss Bessie Hardie, Seoul, Korea, South Georgia Conference.

MEXICO.

Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va., Virginia Conference.
 Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango, Mexico.

CUBA.

Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex., Central Texas Conference.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL,
 MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

The young women were called inside the chancel. The body rose and greeted them with the Chautauqua salute. Miss Bennett spoke some loving words of sympathy and gave assurance of unfailing remembrance of them in prayer by the women of the Council.

Upon motion of Mrs. Swindell, Mrs. Longan's "Parliamentary Rules Made Easy" was adopted as the parliamentary guide of the body.

The following reports were placed upon the calendar: Report No. 1 of the Committee on Literature, read by Mrs. A. B. Smith; report of the Committee on Children's Work, read by Mrs. P. C. Archer; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb; Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Home Department, read by Mrs. Rollins; and the report of the special committee on Mr. Tate's proposition as to a vocational school, read by Mrs. J. N. McEachern.

The following communication, authorized in the morning session, was read and given to the Secretary for early transmission:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 15, 1913.

To His Excellency the President of the United States, the Hon. Woodrow Wilson.

The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, representing two hundred and fifty thousand women, in Conference at Birmingham, Ala., desires to express to you its great appreciation of your attitude toward the recognition of China as a republic, and does respectfully petition you to accord that recognition as soon as all conditions of State have been met.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*.

The appropriations for Bello Horizonte were approved.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was resumed.

Mrs. Hammond was asked to speak in the interest of the Annex at Paine College, and she made a brief but earnest plea for larger sympathy with the work, expressing gratification at the handsome brick building now going up to house the industrial department and give dormitory room.

Miss Bennett told of how God had helped her in answer to prayer to find the women of means and liberality whose gifts had made possible this building. When the name of Mrs. Hillman, formerly of Birmingham, chanced to be mentioned as a helper at Paine An-

nex and also at the Virginia Johnson Home, in Dallas, there was subdued cheering.

When the Nashville negro work came up, Miss Haskin gave a history of the efforts made, reaching back through five years, that have resulted in the present promising outlook.

Mrs. MacDonell expressed her gratitude that the Tennessee Conference, by turning its half of dues into the general treasury, had made possible the opening of this work.

Bishop Lambuth gave a leaf from the personal and family experience of Dr. John W. Gilbert, ex-professor of Greek in Paine College, and now under appointment for the opening of a mission in Africa. It made a profound impression.

After the statement by Mrs. Hammond that five of the girls at Paine had offered themselves for work among their own people, Miss Mary De Bardeleben told of the widening opportunities in this field of service.

The total appropriation for negro work was approved.

When the Mexican Border Conference was reached in the resumed report of the Committee on Estimates, Foreign Department, Miss Roberts, of Saltillo, was asked to speak. Herself Principal of the Normal School, in which there is now an enrollment of 300 pupils, her opening words echoed the work of her life: "No Church can succeed in a foreign field that does not train a large native constituency." She suggested that the mission school be correlated with the government schools and that Christian teachers should be secured for the government schools. An optimistic view was given of the seeming chaotic political conditions in Mexico.

Dr. Pinson gave a proof of the thorough work done at Saltillo, results coming under his own observation.

The appropriations for the Mexican Border, for the Central Mexico, and for the Northwest Mexican Conferences were approved.

When the report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was resumed, the appropriations for twenty-three city missions were read and approved.

The following workers presented briefly some of the varying phases of activity carried on in this branch of the work: Miss May Ora Durham, Head Resident at the Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.; Miss Dollie Crim, Head Resident at Ensley Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Florida Dewar, Head Resident at Wes-

ley House, Avondale, Birmingham; Miss Myrtle Long, Head Resident at Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock, with the benediction by Rev. R. T. Tyler.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council met for its sixth day's session Wednesday morning at 8:45, Miss Bennett in the chair.

The devotional service, led by Miss Mabel Wheeler, deaconess, consisted of the hymn "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted," prayer, and a lesson drawn from the passage, "Be ye doers."

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work was read by Miss Mabel Howell and placed on the calendar.

It was moved by Miss Mary N. Moore and seconded that a special Committee on Financial Provision for the Industrial School at Soochow be appointed, and that Miss Lester and Miss Gaines be requested to appear before the committee.

The motion prevailed, and the committee was named as follows: Mrs. Z. A. West, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Miss Mary N. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Miss Belle Bennett.

A resolution calling for a committee on General Conference legislation was taken from the calendar.

On motion, the resolution was amended by inserting the words, "to be named by the Chair."

On motion, action was deferred until action could be taken on the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

It was moved by Mrs. Cobb and seconded by Mrs. Trawick that an executive session be held in the afternoon at two o'clock.

The motion prevailed.

Upon motion, the work of the Committee on Estimates was laid aside until the Committee on Extension could be heard from.

The following recommendation was taken from the calendar and passed: "The Executive Committee recommends that the name 'Press Bureau' be changed to 'Publicity Bureau.'"

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was taken from the calendar, read, and considered item by item.

It was moved by Miss Gibson and seconded that Item 3 of this report be amended by striking out the word "Bethany" and inserting the word "Livingstone."

In accordance with the expressed desire that a woman might be memorialized in the name, the following amendment to the amendment was offered by Mrs. Johnson: "That these settlement houses shall be called 'Bennett Halls.'"

The President retired, and Mrs. F. F. Stephens was called to the chair.

On motion, speeches on the subject were limited to one speech of not more than two minutes on each name.

The name was freely discussed, and by consent of the body the amendment to the amendment was withdrawn.

As a second amendment to the amendment, Miss Moore moved that the name be the "Mary Moffat House."

The motion was lost.

The amendment was lost.

The motion to recommit the question was lost.

On motion, the name "Bethlehem House" was substituted for the original recommendation, "Bethany House."

On motion, Item 4 was amended by inserting the word "Belle" before the words "Bennett Hall."

Miss Bennett took the chair.

The following memorial from the white members of the faculty of Paine College was read for the information of the body:

Inasmuch as justice to the poorest and most helpless classes of society is the measure of a country's civilization and the test of its religious profession; and inasmuch as we of the South, like the rest of the world, need a fuller awakening to the wrongs and needs of our "submerged tenth," and to the evils wrought here, as elsewhere, by neglect, industrial selfishness, and the administration of law largely in the interest of the privileged classes; and as, in other sections and in other countries, full and scientific investigation of the wrongs done for generations to the poorer classes has, in every case, aroused a strong and growing element of the privileged class to secure justice and opportunity for the handicapped; and whereas it is our belief that the majority of our people will stand for justice when they realize the full extent of our shortcomings in dealing with those industrially and politically in our power; and whereas the poverty line in the South largely coincides with the color line, so that we need to overcome not only class, but race prejudices; and this double handicap has resulted,

from time to time, in actions which evade or defy the laws of the States in which they have occurred; and whereas these actions, though performed by a small proportion of our citizens, have not yet been made impossible by the great law-abiding majority; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the white members of the faculty of Paine College, an institution for the training of colored youth founded, maintained, and for thirty years conducted by Southern whites, hereby request the Woman's Missionary Council to join us in a petition to the Southern University Commission on the Negro to authorize and, as soon as funds can be secured, to undertake, throughout the South, a scientific investigation of the status of the negroes in our midst—of their housing conditions, their industrial relations and opportunities, the attitude toward them of the whites in the various sections in regard to securing justice for them and protecting them in their fundamental human rights, the administration of law to negroes as compared with its administration to whites, the influence of our prison system in fostering and confirming criminality among negroes, and the needs which must be met if our Southern civilization is either to advance or to endure, based firmly on justice rather than upon the degradation and exploitation of our poorest, most ignorant, most helpless class.

We would further state, as a reason for this petition, that a preliminary investigation of this kind was undertaken last year under the auspices of Paine College, and abandoned for lack of funds. This investigation, however, tentative as it was, made two things clear: The imperative need for a full, searching, and South-wide inquiry, and the advisability of its being undertaken by some Southern body representing all classes and denominations of our people rather than those of one Church.

We believe that such an investigation, conducted by Southern experts, and backed by the Southern University Commission, will, when its report is published, stir our people as reports of industrial and legal wrongs elsewhere have stirred the better classes of the North, of England, and throughout the civilized world to protect the weak, to right their wrongs, and to secure a basis of justice for the whole fabric of human society.

J. D. HAMMOND,

President of Paine College;

R. L. CAMPBELL,

Vice President of Paine College;

R. WALTER CAMPBELL,

W. L. C. WAILES,

MRS. M. Z. HANKINSON,

LULA H. CRIM.

On motion, Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension, Home Department, was adopted as amended. (See report, page 420.)

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, the newly elected Secretary of the Home Base, was introduced. In her words of greeting she laid upon the hearts of the women a share of the responsibility of her office.

The following recommendation from the Executive Committee was taken from the calendar and adopted as read, as follows:

There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for the Home and Foreign Departments of five members for each department: the Secretary of each department, the Treasurer, and three members from the Executive Committee resident in Nashville.

It shall be the duty of this committee to receive estimates from the fields through the Secretaries and prepare them for presentation to the annual session of the Council.

It was moved and seconded that the reports as adopted by the body be printed in the *Council Daily*.

The motion prevailed.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was taken from the calendar and considered item by item.

On motion, the duties of the Fourth Vice President were amended to read as follows: "The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study."

On motion, Article 2 was further amended by substituting the following for Item 3: "The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Item 1, Article 2, was amended by adding the sentence: "She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Item 2, Article 2, was amended by adding the sentence: "She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Item 4, Article 2, was further amended by adding the sentence: "She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Article 3 was recommitted.

On motion, Article 4 was recommitted, that it might be made to conform to the duties of the Secretary of the Home Base and the duties of the Third Vice President.

Upon the motion of Mrs. Sullins, Article 5 was amended by in-

serting the words "the printing of" between the words "for" and "leaflets."

On motion, Article 6 was amended by striking out the words "Corresponding Secretaries" and inserting the words "Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, the resolution passed two days before defining the duties of the Secretary of the Home Base was substituted for Article 8.

On motion, Article 14 was amended to read: "The ten women managers of the Board of Missions shall be managers of the Woman's Missionary Council. There shall be six managers in charge of the Eastern, Southeastern, Central, Southern, Western, and Southwestern Divisions, who shall extend the work of the Woman's Missionary Council by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable."

On motion, Item 1, Article 17, was amended to read: "Appropriations based upon the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Estimates shall be made at the annual session of the Council for the maintenance and extension of the work, for the expense of administration for the ensuing year, and for a contingent fund to meet emergencies that may arise in any field."

Committees were called, announcements were made, and the business session adjourned at 12 o'clock.

Dr. Detwiler took charge for the noon hour and delivered a message based on the topic, "Social Service the Principle of Articulation." He proved clearly that social service is nothing more than "just all of us getting busy and helping each other," that we need a larger sympathy and a larger catholicity, that it takes the mighty dynamic of the love of God to take us through, and that the saving of the individual involves the saving of the whole social community.

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met in afternoon session on Wednesday at 3:30, Mrs. F. F. Stephens in the chair.

The opening devotional service was led by Miss Linnie Barcroft.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

On motion, action on Article 12 of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was reconsidered.

It was moved by Mrs. Perry and seconded that Article 12 be amended by adding the words, "and to institutions supported by Conference Societies."

The motion prevailed.

Mrs. B. F. Lewis having returned home, Mrs. T. B. Clifford was enrolled as delegate from the Mississippi Conference, Home Department, according to instructions of the Executive Committee of that body.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension, Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. J. B. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was resumed.

On motion, Item 22 was amended by inserting the words "Secretary of the Home Base" after the words "Home Department."

On motion, Item 22 was further amended by inserting the word "home" before the word "missionaries."

It was moved by Miss Moore and seconded that business be suspended in order to hear the reading of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Laws, that report being pertinent to the subject under consideration.

The motion prevailed, and Report No. 2 of the Committee on Laws was read.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 2 was suspended that the report might be put upon its passage at once.

On motion, the report was amended and adopted as amended. (See report, page 441.)

On motion, Article 23 of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was amended by inserting the words "Secretary of the Home Base" after "Editorial Secretary."

The motion that Article 23 be further amended by substituting the word "three" for the word "two" was lost.

On motion, the following substitute was accepted for Item 2, Article 23: "To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any constitution or by-laws of the Woman's Missionary Council not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments, with its recommendations, to the members of the Council before the session of the Council."

On motion, Article 24 was amended by striking out the word "mid-year" and inserting the words "*ad interim*."

On motion, Article 26 was amended by striking out the parenthesis.

On motion, Article 26 was further amended by striking out the last sentence.

It was moved and seconded that Article 27 be amended by inserting the word "business" between the words "last" and "meeting."

The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that action upon Article 27 be reconsidered.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that, in view of the fact that many delegates are leaving, business be suspended to receive the pledges.

To this the following substitute was offered: "That the place of meeting of the next annual session and the taking of pledges be made the order of the day immediately after the consideration of the minutes at the evening session."

The substitute was adopted.

On motion, action upon Article 26 was reconsidered.

It was moved and seconded that Item 2 of Article 26 be accepted as stated in the report.

The motion prevailed.

It was again moved and seconded that the last sentence of Article 26 be stricken out.

The motion was lost.

It was moved and seconded that Article 28 be stricken out.

The motion prevailed.

On motion, action upon Article 20 was reconsidered.

On motion, Article 20 was amended by inserting the words, "Two Corresponding Secretaries, the Educational Secretary, Editorial Secretary, Field Secretary, and Secretary of the Home Base."

The motion prevailed.

On motion, Article 29, Items 1 and 2 were amended by adding to each the clause, "and send quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Item 3, Article 29, was amended to conform with Article 2 and by adding the words, "and send a quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

On motion, Article 29, Item 4, was amended to conform with Article 2, Item 4, as follows: "The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Council."

On motion, Article 31 was stricken out.

On motion, Article 32, Item 1, was amended to read: "The Second Vice President shall keep in touch with the Second Vice President of the Conference and report to her quarterly the full scope of the work."

On motion, Article 32, Item 2, was amended by inserting the words, "and Bible study."

On motion, Article 32, Item 4, was amended to read: "The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall make a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference."

On motion, Article 33 was amended by inserting after the word "report" the words, "of the full scope of the work."

It was moved and seconded that Article 36, Item 2, be amended by striking out the words, "and shall make quarterly reports to the Second Vice President of the Conference."

On further motion, Item 2, Article 36, was stricken out.

On motion, the Council stood adjourned until 8 P.M.

SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Council met for the third session of the day on Wednesday evening at 8:15, Miss Bennett in the chair.

The devotional service, led by Rev. J. B. Simpson, President of the Birmingham College, consisted of a lesson from Philippians iii., the hymn "Saviour, Let Me Walk with Thee," and prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

In response to the report of the committee on the Tate enterprise, the following were appointed a committee to confer still further on the subject: Miss Belle Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. Luke Johnson.

The hour having come to fix the place for the next annual meeting of the Council, invitations were received from Kansas City Mo., Forth Worth, Tex., Birmingham, Ala., El Paso, of the New Mexico Conference, and Waco, Tex.

The large Texas delegation, ably led by the two managers of the Western Division, urged the acceptance of their invitation with such enthusiasm that, upon motion, the vote for Fort Worth was made unanimous.

The call was made for pledges from the Conferences, and the following were recorded:

Conference.	Foreign Department.	Home Department.
Alabama	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500*
Arkansas	2,000	600
Baltimore	2,500	300
Central Texas	7,500	3,500
East Oklahoma	500	750
Florida	4,000	1,000
Kentucky	3,700	200*
Little Rock	6,000	4,000
Louisiana	2,400	2,025†
Louisville	4,000	1,250
Memphis	5,000	....
Mississippi	3,500	....
Missouri	3,000	1,000
New Mexico	205	....
North Alabama	6,000	1,500
North Carolina	12,000	3,000
North Georgia	15,000	5,000*
North Mississippi	3,000	1,200
North Texas	4,500	2,500
Northwest Texas	1,500	1,500
South Carolina	10,500	1,250
South Georgia	30,000	5,000
Southwest Missouri	5,000	5,000
St. Louis	2,500	1,000
Tennessee	7,500	3,000*
Texas	5,000	5,000
Virginia	7,500	....
West Oklahoma	500	750
West Texas	3,750	1,500
Western North Carolina	11,000	1,500
Western Virginia	750	300
White River	2,500	1,000
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	\$179,805	\$60,925

*And half of dues.

†Directed.

The two recommitted articles from the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, reported in the afternoon session, were taken from the calendar and, on motion, were recommitted.

By request, Miss Davies told of the great Missionary Conference to be held at Lake Junaluska, near Waynesville, N. C., June 25-29, 1913; and Bishop McCoy supplemented her account by naming the advantages to be obtained by attending the Conference.

The deaconesses and city missionaries were called to the front and, after prayer led by Miss Bennett, their appointments were read. (See appointments, page 226.)

In his charge to the workers just appointed Bishop McCoy said: "Among the most wonderful things ever seen are the militant forces of Methodism waiting to receive orders, then marching to service without a murmur."

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Literature was read by Mrs. Perry and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 2 and 3 of the Committee on Social Service were read by Miss Conway and placed on the calendar.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read by Mrs. Cobb and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Joint Committee on Extension of Work, Home and Foreign Departments, was read and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Special Committee on Financial Provision for the Industrial School at Soochow, China, was read by Miss Moore.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 4 was suspended that the report might be put upon its passage at once.

On motion, the report was adopted as read, as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL PROVISION FOR INDUSTRIAL
SCHOOL AT SOOCHOW, CHINA.

We, your Special Committee on Financial Provision for the Industrial School at Soochow, China, do recommend that the output of needlework and any other art products of the Industrial School of Soochow be disposed of in American markets through a sales agent to be selected by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the North Alabama Conference, and that the arrangement of business details be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of the North Alabama Conference, Mrs. J. B. Cobb and Miss Emma Lester representing the Industrial School of Soochow.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. B. COBB, *Chairman*;

MISS MARY N. MOORE, *Secretary*.

The following resolution was read and passed:

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session assembled sends greetings to the Southern Sociological Congress and bids its members Godspeed in their work. As women working both for individual and for social salvation we rejoice to know that our Southern people are undertaking this South-wide, undenominational study of our social problems and needs; and we hereby pledge ourselves to coöperate with the Congress to the extent of our ability.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,

MARY N. MOORE.

Mrs. C. W. Tolliver, the gracious chairman of a local committee, extended to the Council an invitation to attend the City Federation of Missions to be held in the Sunday school room of First Church the following day.

Announcements were made and, after the benediction, pronounced by Bishop McCoy, the Council adjourned to meet the following morning at nine o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. J. H. Spilman, of Kentucky, led the opening service. Hymn 490, "Saviour, More than Life to Me," was sung. Selections were read from the first and second chapters of Acts, and earnest prayer was led by Mrs. Spilman.

Mrs. George W. Matthews, of South Georgia, sang "All the Way to Calvary," which refreshed mind and heart like the dew of the morning.

At 9:40 the business session began with the President in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Mrs. Siler asked the privilege of paying tribute to the untiring faithfulness and efficiency of the reporter for the *Birmingham News*, whose qualities she traced to the lineage of a name revered in the Southland, and asked that Mr. Sidney Lanier Gibson, nephew of the beloved poet, might have the formal recognition of the body. The President presented Mr. Gibson, who in a few words, not unworthy of his name, expressed his gratitude for serving the Council and his profound convictions as to the noble service rendered by the women in bringing in the kingdom of God. Mr. P. O. Smith, of the *Birmingham Ledger*, was also introduced with kindly com-

mendation. Miss Bennett took advantage of this opportunity to thank the Birmingham press for its generous and accurate presentation of the proceedings of the Council.

The recommitted Articles 3 and 4 from the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws were brought in. Article 3 was amended and adopted as amended. Article 4 was amended by inserting the clause, "She shall, with the Secretary of the Home Base," and adding, "She shall, when practicable, attend Conference, district, and special meetings."

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was adopted as a whole as amended.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees was read by Mrs. Steele.

Upon motion, Calendar Rule No. 4 was suspended, and the report, put at once upon its passage, was adopted.

The name of Mrs. Bessie Lipscomb was added to the Committee on Itineration.

The report of the Committee on Educational Institutions was read by Miss Moore.

The following resolution was taken from the calendar and adopted:

Whereas there will be only one more annual meeting of the Council before the next General Conference; and whereas there are some necessary changes to be made in our legislation which must be given careful thought; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to recommend these changes at the mid-year meeting, that they may be ready for the final action of the Council and prepared for presentation to the General Conference.

MRS. GEORGE CALL,

MRS. L. P. SMITH,

MARY N. MOORE.

The Chair appointed the following as the Special Committee on General Conference Legislation: Miss Maria L. Gibson, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. Miss Bennett was made *ex officio* a member of this committee.

The report of the Special Committee on the Scarritt Bible and Training School was taken from the calendar, read, amended by striking out Recommendations 1 and 3, and adopted as amended, as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

We, the undersigned members of the committee appointed at the last session of the Council to visit Scarritt Bible and Training School, submit the following report:

1. We found the spirit of harmony in the faculty, the abandonment to work, and the atmosphere of consecration most beautiful. The memory of this will be cherished by your committee. We thank God for the lives that are invested in creating this atmosphere of devotion to duty and Christian love.

2. We found the classroom work of the Departments of Pedagogy, Sociology, Domestic Science, and Industrial Arts most thorough, interesting, and inspirational. The Bible teacher was ill, so that we did not have the privilege of attending classes in the Bible Department, which was cause of regret to all. We commend most heartily the departments visited and congratulate the Church upon the women who have been secured to give this instruction.

3. We found the building in most beautiful order and condition, owing to the repairs that have been necessitated by a recent storm. The exception to this condition we found in the need of paint and repairs of the chapel. This room is used not only for devotional services, but for the classes in physical culture, so that there is of necessity much wear and tear upon the furnishings. The same difficulty—that is, lack of space and proper equipment—we found in the Domestic Science and the Industrial Arts Department. A building that would cover these three needs is a necessity.

4. The Principal and Treasurer of the school kindly placed before us their books and financial records for the past four years. We find from these records that the productive endowment is not sufficient to meet the salaries of the faculty. We find also that the endowed scholarships and the paid scholarships for the students in attendance are insufficient to meet the current expenses of the school. We would therefore recommend:

(1) That an annual appropriation be made from the Council for the maintenance of this institution such as obtains for our Foreign and Home Mission schools.

(2) We find that the records of the school do not show the moneys paid in the past by the Home Department for the Chair of Sociology, or the smaller sums paid by the Foreign Department to augment salaries of teachers, as these moneys were paid direct to the teachers. We recommend that these funds of both departments of the Council be passed through the general treasury of the institution in order that a permanent record of the annual cost of maintaining the institution may be kept.

5. It was our pleasure to meet the student body in classroom, in religious service, and in social intercourse. We most heartily recom-

mend the young women who are coming before you as applicants for missionary and deaconess work this year.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. EMMA EDWARDS,
MRS. FRED LAMB,
MRS. GEORGE HAWKINS.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was taken from the calendar and adopted.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Social Service were read and adopted. (See reports, page 403.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was considered and adopted. (See report, page 399.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Home Department, was read. Items 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were, upon motion, stricken from the report, and the report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 398.)

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read and adopted, with the proviso that Miss Head's paper on Young Women's Christian Association work should accompany the report in the Annual.

The following report of the special committee of advice on uniform report blanks was read and adopted:

Whereas memorials and resolutions have come up before us, asking that a committee be appointed to prepare uniform record books and report blanks, we therefore recommend concurrence.

MRS. P. C. ARCHER,
MRS. NAT ROLLINS,
MRS. ARCH TRAWICK,
MRS. R. B. JOHN.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Foreign Missionary Candidates was read and amended by striking out the words "wherever practicable." The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 433.)

Upon motion of Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mrs. Siler, Miss Daisy Davies, Field Secretary, was asked to combine her duties with those of the Educational Secretary during Miss Head's leave of absence.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Literature was read and amended by omitting the word "Conference" and by adding, "when such an arrangement is satisfactory to the editor of the paper." A mis-

laid item from the report, upon motion, was brought in, read, and allowed to be incorporated in its proper place in the report. The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 400.)

Miss Moore asked to speak to a question of personal privilege, and urged that Miss Bennett's article in the *Methodist Review* on "The World-Wide Movement for the Emancipation of Woman," now put into pamphlet form, should have large circulation in the Church.

The report of the Committee on Children's Work was read, and was amended by inserting the words, "shall become standing rules," in the preamble to Item 11, and by inserting the names of the objects to which the special funds of the department are to be directed. The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 429.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read. Items 3 and 4 were stricken out and the report adopted. (See report, page 407.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Home Department, was read and adopted. (See report, page 408.)

The report of the special committee on the proposition of Mr. Tate, of Tate, Ga., for a vocational school was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Whereas the need for a vocational school was brought before the Woman's Missionary Council at its last annual session; and whereas the desire to meet that need has been steadily growing in the hearts of many of its members; and whereas we recognize in the proposition made by the Tate Educational Enterprises to the Council the possible fulfillment of this desire; and whereas all these things strengthen and confirm our faith in the fact of God's leadership in the whole matter; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we recognize this proposition as an open gate to rich and resourceful fields of service to all classes of humanity.

2. That we express to this splendid body of Christian men our appreciation of the confidence in the Woman's Missionary Council as evidenced by them in making this offer.

3. That it grieves us beyond measure that the financial obligations already upon the Council make it impossible to finance any new work at the present time.

But, inasmuch as we are unwilling to let so great an opportunity pass, and because we believe that God will help us to inspire our constituency to larger contributions, so that it will be made possible to

take up this great work at some future time, we recommend that a committee be appointed from this body to confer with the trustees of the Tate Educational Enterprises concerning the plans made by them for the institution, and be ready to make a report to the Council at its next session.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. N. MCEACHERN, *Secretary*.

Report No. 3 on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read and adopted. (See report, page 408.)

The following telegram was read :

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 16, 1913.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Woman's Missionary Council, Birmingham, Ala.

Want deaconess First Church, Jacksonville, Fla. City one-tenth population of State. Growing very fast. Work so heavy need help. Large number of young people need leadership. No city in South presents such opportunities. Ten Methodist Churches. First Church taking up new work. Want Miss Dewar, who knows Florida.

W. J. CARPENTER.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read and adopted. (See report, page 399.)

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read and adopted. (See report, page 408.)

When Report No. 2 of the Committee on Literature was read, upon motion, the Report of the Committee on By-Laws was again reconsidered, and Item 2, under Section 19, was, upon motion, stricken from the report. Items 2 and 3 in the report of the Committee on Literature were, upon motion, stricken out, and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 401.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Social Service was read and adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Extension of Work, Foreign Department, was read and adopted. (See report, page 408.)

The first report of the Joint Committee on Extension of Work was read, amended to read "the first week in November" instead of "beginning with the first Sunday in November," and adopted as amended. (See report, page 428.)

The second report of the Joint Committee on Extension of Work was read and adopted. (See report, page 428.)

Upon motion, the report of the Committee on Literature was reconsidered. Item 3 was restored and modified. The report was adopted as amended.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read and adopted. (See report, page 400.)

The unfinished business was taken from the calendar.

The estimates from the Foreign Department were read.

Calendar Rule No. 1 was, by motion, suspended, and the report put at once upon its passage. It was adopted. (See report, page 428.)

The appropriations for the administration of the Foreign Department were read by Mrs. Cobb. The following amendments were made:

One hundred dollars instead of \$75 for the Publicity Superintendent.

For China: \$1,600 for enlargement of the Davidson Memorial; \$100 additional repairs for the Laura Haygood Memorial; \$3,000 for the enlargement of the Susan B. Wilson School.

[NOTE.—In conformity with appropriations approved by the Board of Missions, these items are omitted from the appropriations.—EDITOR.]

For Brazil: \$375 to Miss Elerding for evangelistic work; \$5,000 conditional to the building at Ribeirao Preto.

Miss Amelia Elerding was asked to tell of the opportunities for evangelistic work in Sao Paulo. She pleaded for more evangelistic workers and for more intercessory prayer.

Miss Gibson made a statement as to the needs of the Scarritt Bible and Training School for the annual appropriation for running expenses.

Upon motion of Mrs. Cobb, it was determined to appropriate from the contingent fund of the Foreign Department \$1,000 to the Training School. The report, as a whole, was adopted as amended. (See report, page 409.)

As several members had to leave at this juncture, the report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for. Miss Vivian Conway, chairman, made the report, which was enthusiastically received, and, after a few amendments, was adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

As we separate at the close of the third annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, we give hearty praise to our Father for all his blessings, and especially for the lives that have given their

gracious ministry for the founding of our missionary work, and for those who are so nobly carrying it on.

To all who have contributed to our comfort and pleasure during our stay in Birmingham we extend sincere thanks; to Dr. J. W. Johnson, the pastor, and the official board of this Church; to the presiding elder and our brethren of the ministry who have been with us; to the local committees who, in every way, have so abundantly prepared and so untiringly labored for our comfort; to the women in charge of the Information Bureau who have guided us; to the pages who have attended so faithfully; to the choirs for their beautiful service of song; to the editor and business manager of the *Council Daily*; and to the *Birmingham News*, the *Ledger*, and the *Age-Herald* for their generous and accurate reports of the proceedings of the Council. Nor would we fail to express our appreciation of the loyalty of the Methodism of Birmingham as shown in the splendid attendance at all our meetings.

We also gratefully acknowledge the inspiration of the presence and of the messages of our Bishops Lambuth and McCoy, Missionary Secretaries Drs. Pinson and Moore, and of the spiritual and illuminating daily Bible study conducted by Dr. George H. Detwiler.

May God's special blessing be upon our officers during the coming year! May they be kept in health and guided in their administration, and as we commit ourselves and our work to Him whose we are, and whom we serve, may his Holy Spirit descend upon the Church and lead us to the fulfillment of the unparalleled opportunities opening before us throughout all the world!

M. VIVIAN CONWAY,

MRS. J. P. TYLER,

MRS. L. W. CRAWFORD.

On motion of Mrs. MacDonell, the report of the Committee on By-Laws was again reconsidered. The by-law on deaconess and city mission work was amended by striking out the words, "Chairman of the Social Service Committee," making the item read: "The Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall consist of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department, the Educational, Editorial, Field, and Home Base Secretaries, the Treasurer, representatives from the training schools, two managers and three members of the Council at large."

The report of the Committee to Name the Standing Committees was, upon motion, reconsidered, and the item as to the deaconess work and city missions was recommitted and the committee given the privilege of retiring to name the members.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, was continued. The appropriations for the Pacific Coast work and

Gulf Coast work were approved. The appropriations for administration expenses were amended by appropriating \$100 instead of \$75 to the Publicity Bureau, and \$300 instead of \$600 to the managers. Upon motion of Mrs. MacDonell, \$1,000 was appropriated to the Scarritt Bible and Training School and \$300 to the Bureau of Supplies.

The report of the Committee on Estimates, Home Department, as a whole, was adopted as amended. (See report, page 423.)

The report of the special committee to suggest a committee for preparing uniform report blanks was made, and the Chair named the committee suggested as follows: Mrs. Bessie W. Lipscomb, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. Arch Trawick, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Miss Mabel Howell.

The following was named as a committee on the Bethlehem House at Nashville: Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Kate Hackney.

Mrs. Chappell read the report of the special committee appointed to draft a plan for transferring workers from one department to another.

By motion, Calendar Rule No. 1 was suspended, and the report was adopted as read. (See report, page 434.)

Miss Bennett told the body of her intention to visit Brazil in July with Bishop Lambuth, and her desire to have the \$500 appropriated to her annual office expense used for paying the expense of some other member of the body who could intelligently study with her the mission schools in that empire. The body expressed its desire that such a visit should be made, and that it might mean also needed recuperation to its beloved President.

Miss Bennett, in simple, tender words, expressed her gratitude for all the loving-kindness which had been shown her throughout the year by the women of the Council.

The Committee to Name the Standing Committees read its report on the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions, and it was adopted.

Mrs. Luke Johnson was elected Superintendent of the Publicity Bureau; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies; and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School.

The Chautauqua salute was given Mrs. Luke Johnson for her arduous and successful toil during the session as Calendar Clerk.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

Miss Bennett voiced for the Council its gratitude for Birmingham's hospitality and its admiration for the wise planning in every detail that had made this session epochal in the dispatch of business. She read the hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go." The members sang as if the lateness of the hour and the tedium of a prolonged session were forgotten in the joy of worship, and every heart must have followed the tender supplications of the President for the Father's presence and guidance for a new year of service and the joyous thanksgiving for the loving-kindness crowning the year past.

Dr. J. W. Johnson pronounced the benediction, and at 2:15 the Council was adjourned *sine die*.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FRANK SILER,

MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER,

Secretaries.

In Memoriam

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart

*Honorary Life Member of the Woman's Missionary
Council and Ex-Secretary of the Woman's
Board of Foreign Missions*

Mrs. M. D. Wightman

*Honorary Life Member of the Woman's Missionary
Council and Ex-President of the Woman's
Board of Foreign Missions*

Mrs. S. M. Hitch

*Corresponding Secretary Foreign Department
South Georgia Conference*

Miss Sophia Manns

Missionary to China

Mrs. Edna Standefer

Teacher in Japanese School, California

Miss Kate Kell

Deaconess Just Appointed

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

*"And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile."*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1913.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

At its recent meeting, held in the city of Chicago, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, an organization representing thirty of the great Protestant denominations of this country, with more than seventeen million communicants, gave utterance, through a clear and succinct declaration of principles, to the highest and best thought of the Christian world in its effort for the social uplift of humanity.

No suggestion of any new element of reform or governmental change was given place in this declaration. Every item was a brief report from some battle field where a fight for human rights and personal liberty was being waged. The Church but gathered up and concentrated in its utterance the pleadings of a helpless and suffering people which for more than half a century have been voiced through numberless organizations in every part of the world, and in doing so declared her faith and fellowship in the causes they represented and her alliance with the forces demanding righteous national and community laws, and their enforcement, until all the people are given a chance to live and develop the best and largest life.

Our Lord said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly"; and Christianity will not have accomplished her mission to the world until that "more abundant life" has been made possible for all men of every race and color upon the earth.

As a part of the great constituency of the Federal Council of Churches, of which Council our own Bishop Hendrix was the first President, I have thought it well to incorporate this "Social Platform" in my annual message to you, that this body may affirm its steadfast belief in the righteousness of the principles enunciated and reaffirm its active loyalty to the causes they represent. It reads as follows:

"THE SOCIAL PLATFORM OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

"The Churches must stand:

"1. For equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life.

"2. For the protection of the family by the single standard of purity, proper regulation of marriage, uniform divorce laws, and proper housing.

"3. For the fullest possible development of every child, especially by the provision of proper education and recreation.

"4. For the abolition of child labor.

"5. For such regulation of the conditions of toil for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.

"6. For the abatement and prevention of poverty.

"7. For the protection of the individual from the social, economic, and moral waste of the liquor traffic.

"8. For the conservation of health.

"9. For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, and mortality.

"10. For the right of all men to opportunity for self-maintenance, for safeguarding this right against encroachments of every kind, and for protection of workers from the hardships of enforced unemployment.

"11. For suitable provision for the old age of workers, and for those incapacitated by injury.

"12. For the right of employees and employers alike to organize for adequate means of conciliation and arbitration in industrial disputes.

"13. For a release from employment one day in seven.

"14. For a gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practicable point and for that degree of leisure which is a condition of the highest human life.

"15. For a living wage as a minimum in every industry, and for the highest wage that each industry can afford.

"16. For a new emphasis upon the application of Christian principles to the acquisition and use of property, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised."

Every woman in this Council has labored and prayed for the advancement of some, perhaps all, of these objects; but re-inspired by this noble propaganda as a basis of action, and strengthened by the co-operation of an organized Christianity, we can go back to our fields of labor rejoicing in the hope of sure and speedy success.

To this end I would suggest that a discussion of the platform be made a feature of the program of every Annual Conference meeting, and that a standing committee be appointed in every Conference to coöperate with other philanthropic and State agencies in the promotion of these causes.

OUR NEEDS.

As I have tried to study the fields and the woman's work during the past year, two vital needs have loomed up before me. Cause and effect are clearly manifest. The established missions dependent for financial support on the Woman's Missionary Society have outgrown the liberality and the contributing membership of the organization. In the extension of our institutional work we have had a zeal which was not

according to knowledge, and at this meeting, if we keep the law (and this we will do) which says that last year's collections must be made the basis of this year's appropriations, some missions both at home and abroad must be closed. The reports of the Secretaries and the Treasurer show that there has been for 1912 a small increase in both membership and collections, but not sufficient to meet the reasonable requests from the fields. If we would maintain our high standard of excellence in buildings, equipped workers, progressive and fundamental missionary activities, the home base must be aroused and worked, now and each succeeding year, with increasing diligence. We must have a larger membership, a larger income, and to secure these we must have a larger force at the center directing and developing the home base and all that pertains to it.

We have no well-organized Church behind us with an active and interested body of pastors as inspirers and collectors of a financial assessment on a great membership. We are wholly dependent, under God, on a temporary organization of women and children, with a voluntary and fluctuating membership. From the first years of the work a large number of our intelligent, godly women have given themselves with splendid devotion to the maintenance and enlargement of the Society by winning and developing a like interest in other women. They have organized and reorganized auxiliary, district, and Conference Societies that a membership might be instructed and re-enforced, knowing that a relaxation of effort for six months or a year meant a perceptible decrease in pledged finances necessary to support the established missions and the workers on the field. Eternal vigilance, all at it and at it all the time, has been the price of the woman's missionary organization. But thirty-four years have passed, and we still have only about one-tenth of the women and girls of the Church in our ranks, and we are facing new conditions.

God's work is not done by the Church alone, and the last half century has seen the rise and development of interdenominational and undenominational organizations, clubs, leagues, unions, and orders devoted to all forms of humanitarian and definite Christian work. Church women everywhere are hearing and answering the appeal of these bodies; and if we cannot make it plain to the women of Southern Methodism that they can do as good work through the Woman's Missionary Society to advance the kingdom of God on earth as through any other channel, they will continue to join the ever-increasing ranks of those who belong to these non-Church societies.

Southern Methodism has approximately 1,900,000 communicants, grouped in 19,573 congregations, worshipping in 16,871 church buildings. The Woman's Missionary Society of Southern Methodism has approximately 9,000 auxiliaries—Adult, Young People, and Juniors. These 9,000 auxiliaries are massed in about 7,000 churches, thus leav-

ing more than 12,000 congregations in the connection devoid of the educating and spiritualizing force of an organized band.

To Mrs. D. H. McGavock, the first General Secretary of our Foreign Department, a woman called of God to leadership in the work, and to Miss Mary Helm, a hindered volunteer, a woman of broad vision and splendid ability, who, without financial compensation, left her own home and lived with Mrs. McGavock, that together they might launch and direct the work, we owe the foundation structure of our home base and the infancy of our work in three foreign fields and among the American Indians.

Mrs. McGavock's successor was our great-souled Mrs. Trueheart, who for eight years endured the responsibility and as General Secretary bore the heavy burden of work alone. At the end of her third quadrennium the present incumbent, Mrs. J. B. Cobb, an experienced and devoted worker, who four years previously had been elected Associate Secretary with Mrs. Trueheart, was called to succeed her in the office.

The work has grown by leaps and bounds, and that Secretary is now required to deal with and direct, under this Council and the General Board of Missions, twenty-seven boarding schools, forty-four day schools, 120 American missionaries with 202 native and foreign helpers, in six foreign fields; and yet this is only one department of her work.

Do I need to outline and recount to this body the equally heavy and rapidly growing work of the Home Department, and the overwhelming burden that falls on Mrs. R. W. MacDonell in that office? She, too, must deal with large schools and other eleemosynary institutions, with boards of eager and intelligent reading women in cities and towns, lumber camps, cotton mills, and mining villages, who are opening and conducting missions that must be directed and developed through the appointed officers of this Council. She must keep in close touch with the increasing corps of deaconesses and trained workers; yet this is but one department of her labors. Since the unification of the Woman's Boards with the General Board the Secretaries attend throughout the year an average of three committee meetings per week. These cannot be neglected, and some of them continue all day and into the night.

The statistical reporting from auxiliary to Conference officers, and from Conference to Council officers, a vitally important part of the educative work of the home base, especially for the children and young people, must all finally pass through the hands of these Secretaries.

Our literature, the ever-working leaven in all our efforts, has quadrupled in bulk during the last fifteen years. A close supervision of the quality, quantity, and distribution of this alone would be no small work for any one woman. The workers in the field have been

compelled during the past three years to communicate with one of five officers in the Publishing House to obtain needed literature. This ought not to continue. The situation is before you, and, in view of these facts, I would urge that at this meeting you add to your staff of salaried workers a Council Secretary, who, with the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, shall have charge of the home base. Carefully define her work and her relation to other officers, and see to it that her duties do not demand a working day of twelve or fifteen hours.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

I would urge our Conference officers and workers to keep in mind the law of the Board which prohibits collections for any special cause that has not been indorsed by the Board. Missionaries and other speakers, attending Annual Conference meetings, by an enthusiastic advocacy of some unoccupied territory, better equipment, or new and larger buildings for some well-known institution or mission, have forced an unwise extension of work on the Society, thereby reducing greatly needed appropriations to older and carefully inaugurated work in more strategic centers.

Three years ago the Council pledged the Society to the establishment of a large girls' boarding school in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The Jubilee offerings were devoted to this cause, and other generous special donations were made to it. The expense of such an institution in that great South American city was found to be so great that we have lagged in the effort and allowed less important missions to claim our attention. That pledge should be kept this year. The McTyeire School, in Shanghai, China, has lost prestige as our leading school for girls in that mission field because of its cramped and insufficient quarters. A new location and new buildings for that institution ought to be the one special for our woman's work in the Orient until it is an accomplished fact. Let us think and pray and talk and work for the school in Rio and this new plant in Shanghai until their doors are opened and, without debt, they are dedicated to the work of the Lord.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

When the Home Mission Society began work under organized local boards in the cities, towns, etc., of our Southern Methodist territory, the work now known technically as Wesley House work, all moneys for this purpose were passed through the general treasury, that a complete history of the whole might be kept in the records of the Society. There was, however, no home mission spirit in the rank and file of the Church; and, as the women were inexperienced, it was difficult to get the money for the monthly running expenses of the missions. To relieve a somewhat strained situation, the voucher system of reporting these receipts was adopted. In doing this there was never any thought

or intention on the part of the Woman's Board of relegating these missions to the ranks of local work. The trained deaconess or uniform worker was appointed at the call of the city boards, and an appropriation of ten per cent to their running expenses made from the general treasury that this most important and growing class of missions might be encouraged and directed as classified connectional work of the Woman's Missionary Society. Notwithstanding this, the question has seriously arisen as to whether city mission (Wesley House) work is local or connectional.

The time has manifestly come when all moneys for these works should again pass through the general treasury. It will cause some confusion and some extra work for collectors during the first year, as all changes do; but systematic effort and patient persistence will soon cause the wheels of the machinery to move smoothly, and the Society will again have a creditable record of this department of home mission work.

Again I would refer to some things that have come down to us from the early days, things that are misleading in a report of mission work. The Home Mission Department in its infancy was a department of the Board of Church Extension. Its defined duty was to assist in building homes for the preachers. To give the movement an organic form and the membership some related activities, care of local churches and parsonages, visiting the sick and strangers, social betterment, good neighbor, welfare, and charity work were outlined and a method of reporting inaugurated. All of these are duties pertaining to the local congregation and community, and should be reported to the pastor statistically and financially, and by the pastor through the regular Church channels. To report such objects or enterprises and the money given to finance them as a part of the missionary work of this Council is confusing, and it ought to be discontinued at this meeting.

WORK FOR THE NEGROES.

The appointment of Deaconess De Bardeleben as a promoter of work among the negroes is bearing fruit in a decided increase of interest. The girls' dormitory at Paine College, giving larger and better quarters for the industrial work there, is in process of erection, and under the supervision of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hammond the Council has a right to expect the largest and best results.

The settlement work inaugurated in the congested district of Augusta, Ga., and the mission being developed in Nashville, Tenn., by Miss Haskin, of the Methodist Training School, need permanent and larger quarters. We ought to have some special gifts for these enterprises; but a much greater and more immediate need is a good farm school, where the indigent, helpless, idle street children, under the best instruction, may be given a chance physically, mentally, and morally.

May God move some heart to make this possible during this calendar year!

Finally, and of first importance, while we know that a large majority of the best men and women of the South and of the entire country deprecate and denounce the barbarous crime of lynching, we also know that it continues unchecked to degrade and debauch our sectional and community life, to foster the mob spirit in the young, the ignorant, and the lawless, and to lessen respect for all law and destroy confidence in the men who are elected to enforce the law. We therefore, as an organized and representative body of Southern women, should declare our disapproval and abhorrence of the savagery that provokes this crime, and by tongue and pen and, in those States where our women have the power of suffrage, by the ballot arouse and develop a public sentiment that will compel a rigid enforcement of the law against such violence until it is no longer known among us. In doing this we will perforce ally ourselves with that courageous and merciful element of society that would, in protecting this generation, protect future generations also from a blighting birthright of moral degeneracy, criminality, and insanity.

REPORTS.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. J. E. GRUBBS.

In my report of one year ago I predicted that we would, during the year then entered upon, reap a harvest from the faithful seed-sowing which many of our splendid Conference Second Vice Presidents had been engaged in. This prediction has not been realized if we are to look for the harvest in dollars and cents or even in large gains in young people's auxiliaries and in members. But if we call the adoption by almost all of the Conferences of the policy as outlined by the Council, more prompt and more accurate reports, increased inquiry as to how best to accomplish the work, and, indeed, the brightest outlook for holding and enlisting our young people which we have ever enjoyed, a harvest, then I insist that the prediction has come true.

STATUS OF THE WORK.

Last year only fourteen out of twenty-one united Conferences reported to me. This year my record book shows thirty out of thirty-two united Conferences reporting as follows:

Auxiliaries	530
Members	6,932
Membership offering	\$ 2,296 51
Home pledge	894 98
Foreign pledge	3,409 95
Local work and social service	3,553 23
Conference expense	152 03
Total for missions	8,127 06
Raised for all purposes	11,832 32

I feel sure that this is only a rough estimate of the work of the young people of these thirty Conferences, since many Conference Vice Presidents have written me that they knew of societies sending money to Conference Treasurers and yet not reporting to them. This is to be regretted, but when we consider that last year the reports were so incomplete as to make it impossible for me to give any idea of what had been done financially, we can but note with gratitude that the work is becoming established.

The remaining Home Department Conferences are the Baltimore, East Columbia, Illinois, Montana, Pacific, South Carolina, and Virginia, which, together with the North Carolina Conference, uniting in January, accounts for forty Conferences with Second Vice Presidents en-

deavoring to advance the work of young people in the Home Department.

In the Home Department the Virginia Conference, with Mrs. F. S. Heidelbach as Second Vice President, carries off the laurels. Many organizations have been effected in this Conference, and the old ones have been so thoroughly sifted as to inspire real confidence in the reports.

Baltimore, South Carolina, and Virginia are the three remaining Foreign Department Conferences. The membership of these three Conferences and of five Home Department Conferences reporting to me (East Columbia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Pacific) is 5,121, making a total membership of 12,053, an increase of 1,649.

The total for missions reported through Home and Foreign Departments separately is \$2,129.81. For local work and social service, \$1,879.90. This gives, according to incomplete reports sent to me, a grand total of \$10,256.87 for missions, and for all purposes a grand total of \$15,862.03.

OFFICE WORK AND EXPENSES.

Quarterly report blanks and also quarterly letters were sent to all Conference Second Vice Presidents, besides many letters and report blanks to local officers in response to their appeals for help.

Of the amount appropriated to the expense of the office, \$75 per quarter, \$200 has been received, all of which was expended by me in the advancement of the work, with the exception of \$20, which I have turned over to my successor in office.

FIELD WORK.

I was most heartily received at four of our Annual Conference meetings (North Mississippi (Home and Foreign), North Georgia, and Western Virginia) and was given every opportunity to advance the work of the Department of Young People. Public mass meetings of young people were arranged for in the evening at each of these meetings, at which time five young women signified their willingness to take training for definite Christian work. The institute work at each meeting seemed to meet a long-felt need, and I found many young people eager to know how to do the work.

My work with and for the young people of our great Church has been a real joy, and as I look back upon my efforts in behalf of this very difficult task, that of enlisting and holding young people at that adolescent age when there is so much in the world which allures them, I can only thank the Council for the trust imposed in me during the past two years and a half and assure you that the laying down of this attractive work cost me a real pang of sorrow and regret.

God doeth all things well, and in calling me to lay down this work he has called another of his daughters to take it up—one, friends, to

whom I can turn the beloved work over with such real joy as to almost forget the pang it had cost me to give it up. Mrs. Stephens will mean so much more to this department than I could ever have meant, and I know you will give to her your loving, loyal support.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. J. W. PERRY.

The result of the past year's work in the Department of Christian Stewardship and Mission Study has brought encouragement and hope. This department has been organized and carried forward with varied degrees of success in forty of the Conference Societies. The reports from these Conferences show a gratifying increase of interest. The number of mission study classes has grown from 635 to 997, an increase of 362 classes for the year. North Alabama leads, having had 62 classes, with an enrollment of 1,051 members.

To do efficient work in mission study, the need of trained leaders is being realized more fully, and a larger number of our auxiliaries are becoming interested in sending representatives to the summer conferences for special training as mission study leaders. Too much emphasis cannot be given to this important feature.

In several of our cities interdenominational normal classes have been conducted in which the selected leaders of the several denominational study classes have come together for special training before the organization of their respective classes. We recommend most heartily this plan for training leaders.

In a number of cities also interdenominational mission study classes have been conducted with gratifying results. These have, in most instances, been supplemental to the denominational classes.

The catalogue of carefully selected books for missionary libraries is being appreciated, and is exceedingly helpful to the auxiliaries in the selection of books. We regret that only forty-five auxiliaries have reported libraries.

The introduction of the Bible study course has met a long-felt need, and has been welcomed gladly, as is evidenced by the fact that ninety-six auxiliaries have reported Bible study classes this first year. It has been the aim and purpose of this department to teach through the study of the Bible and missions and by specially prepared literature the personal obligation of each individual to share in giving the gospel to the world.

The month of January was devoted specially to the subject of Christian stewardship, the program for the month having been devoted to the consideration of that subject. A large number of our pastors responded to the request to preach a special sermon on stewardship, and the editors of our Church papers were gracious in giving editorial space to the same. During the year three leaflets on Christian steward-

ship have been issued, 8,000 copies of each; 70,000 pledge cards have been issued.

We have stressed with some degree of success the giving systematically and regularly a certain portion of one's income for the spread of the gospel, we have urged the giving of time to the study of God's Word and the world's need of Christ, we have appealed to our members to consecrate their God-given talents to the service of humanity. We come to you to-day with the growing conviction that the greatest unused asset of the Church is prayer. The one purpose we would seek to accomplish through this department for the coming year is the deepened prayer life of each member of our great organization. More and greater issues hang on this than on any other one thing.

I close with an extract from the report of the Edinburgh Conference:

"The neglect of prayer by the Church at home means the defeat at the front of the battle. When the Church sets itself to pray with the same earnestness and strength of purpose that it has devoted to other forms of Christian effort, it will see the kingdom of God come with power. All, in order to succeed, must begin, continue, and end in waiting upon God; and everything must be bound to the throne by the golden chain of prayer and intercession which makes us partners with the Father, Son, and Spirit in the divine task of redeeming the world."

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. ARCHIBALD TRAWICK.

"It is the duty of the Fourth Vice President to develop the work of social service and local work."

Last April the report of this work covered a period of only five months. This is the first report made by this department of a year's work. There need be no feeling of discouragement because thus far the work has not been thoroughly understood. Rauschenbusch says: "The social awakening of the Churches is far from complete. It will require at least one generation under the most favorable circumstances to make this enlargement of the religious conceptions the common property of all."

The Standing Committee on Social Service and Local Work prepared the studies and leaflets which were distributed to the auxiliaries through the channels of the Conference Fourth Vice Presidents. For 1912 100,000 studies were issued on "The Child at Work," "The Child at School," "Delinquent and Dependent Children," and "The Child at Play." There were distributed 10,000 leaflets on "Delinquent and Dependent Children," and 3,000 on "The Child at Play." In addition to studies and leaflets, 30,000 report blanks, 10,000 suggestions for Fourth Vice Presidents, and 5,000 copies of the leaflets on "Social Service and Local Work" were sent out for free distribution.

Of the forty-four Conference Fourth Vice Presidents, only four failed

to report during the year, those of East Oklahoma and New Mexico, and of the Foreign Departments of North and South Carolina. Twenty-one Conferences sent four quarterly reports, Baltimore (Home and Foreign), Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, North Alabama, North Carolina (Home Department), North Georgia, North Texas, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, West Oklahoma, Western Virginia, and West Texas. The following sent three reports: Central Texas, Holston, Pacific (Home), Texas, Virginia (Home), and White River. Two reports came from Alabama, Arkansas, East Columbia, Little Rock, North Mississippi, Northwest Texas, and South Carolina (Home). One report came from Denver, Montana, Pacific (Foreign), St. Louis, and Virginia (Foreign).

Three hundred and thirty-nine auxiliaries coöperated with other welfare agencies, 441 made the community study, and 333 held special quarterly meetings to discuss the work. These figures are inaccurate because in hundreds of cases the women have done this work and have failed to report it. Hundreds of letters have come directly from the auxiliaries asking for literature, information, and advice.

The Fourth Vice President attended the Conference of the National Child Labor Committee, the Southern Sociological Congress, and the National Conference of Charities and Correction in 1912.

Seven Conference Societies were visited, and it is apparent that the women everywhere are willing to investigate and remedy existing wrong conditions when they understand the nature of the work to be done. It seems nothing short of marvelous that so fine a beginning has been made in less than two years' time.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, MRS. J. B. COBB, SECRETARY.

OUR MARCHING ORDERS: "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*" "*And, lo, I am with you alway.*" "*Occupy till I come.*"

An increase of members and money can be reported this year; the growth of members has been greatest where there has been a Conference organizer. The record of North Georgia ranks all others and affords great gratification, since 1,434 have been added to the membership within the last six months.

STATISTICS.

	Auxiliaries, 1911.	Members, 1911.
Adult	2,793	69,138
Young People	528	11,316
Children	762	19,432
Total	4,083	99,886

	Auxiliaries, 1912.	Members, 1912.
Adult	2,981	68,560
Young People	716	13,080
Children	1,158	25,254
Total	4,855	106,894

The collections of 1912 (\$293,823.95) go beyond those of any previous year. Note the receipts of 1908, 1909, 1910, and 1911.

COLLECTIONS, EXCLUSIVE OF BEQUESTS.

1908	\$235,940	97
1909	254,554	71
1910	273,175	17
1911 (ten months).....	240,847	29
1912	277,513	84

The proceeds, exclusive of bequests, for the full year of 1911, if they had maintained the growth of the three preceding years, would have been \$291,175.17, and those of 1912 would have been \$309,775.17. Still we are grateful for the amount of 1912 and are ready to press forward to still larger results.

Unusual efforts have been made by our women to reach the indifferent; new methods for financing the work and disseminating information have been introduced; but notwithstanding all these efforts, the conviction is forced upon us that only a small portion of the Church realize their missionary obligation or take any vital interest in the plans for bringing the world to Christ. So above all methods, above all information, above all enthusiasm, above all financial aid must be stressed the necessity for infusing the Spirit of Christ into the Church.

DEEDS TO PROPERTY.

At the meeting of the Council in 1912 action was taken authorizing Mr. Andres Osuna to investigate the laws of Mexico with reference to the legality of religious bodies owning educational institutions, and if necessary to take measures for legalizing the deeds to our property in Mexico. Mr. Osuna made these investigations, reported results, and suggested methods of procedure, but further action has been prevented by the revolution in Mexico.

Bishop Hendrix had arranged for a meeting in Mexico City in January of representatives of the denominations working in Mexico, where there would have been a full discussion and perhaps final adjustment of all questions relating to tenure of property in that country. This meeting will be held later.

TRANSFER OF DEEDS.

In 1911 the deeds to the following property in Mexico were transferred from the name of Miss N. E. Holding to the Board of Missions, and in

the deeds there should be inserted a clause stating that they are the property of the Woman's Missionary Council:

Colegio Ingles, San Luis Potosi.....	\$25,400
Instituto Colon, Guadalajara	35,000
Palmore Institute, Chihuahua	75,000

Property previously held in the name of the Board of Missions:

MacDonell Institute, Durango.....	\$40,000
New lot, Saltillo.....	18,000
Present school property, Saltillo.....	20,000

BEQUESTS.

Quinta Tosca, bequeathed by Señor Tosca, Matanzas, Cuba, valued at.....	\$7,000 00
Mrs. J. W. Humbert.....	1,000 00

SPECIAL GIFTS.

Annuities	\$6,000 00
Mrs. Gualbert, of Louisville, Ky., for Scarritt.....	2,000 00
Mrs. Walter Dey, Mr. and Miss Neville, Virginia..	1,000 00
Miss Emma Page, of North Carolina, for McTyeire enlargement	1,000 00

MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS.

The changes in the policy of schools recommended by the Council have been attended with good results in some cases; in others more time will be required to carry into effect the modification of existing methods. If the action of the Council with reference to this subject, as well as to scholarships and Bible women, be carried out, many of the present difficulties will be averted.

CORRELATION OF SCHOOLS.

This subject is claiming the careful consideration of many Boards, for all recognize the fact that Christian education has a most important function in missionary interest and endeavor. All recognize the fact also that there should be a conservation of the time, energy, and best-directed effort of the missionaries as well as the wise and judicious expenditure of the money raised at home. In some fields an experienced and well-equipped educator of large vision has been selected by her Board and set aside for the special object of coördinating and developing the educational work of the mission. Some step in this direction seems vital just at present because of the unusual activities of the various non-Christian governments in opening well-equipped schools officered by efficient teachers, but in whose curriculum Christian teaching and training have no part.

To carry out effectively this desirable adjustment, a comprehensive view of the work as a whole, not the interests of an individual school

or of several schools, must be considered. "A broad, wise, clearly defined missionary education policy seems to be one of the most urgent necessities of the present time." Such a policy should be formed and carried out.

STATION PLAN.

This plan, adopted by the Council at its last meeting, has met with favor by many Conferences and individuals, and much of the work of our fields, particularly of China, is being provided for by this method. However, the encouragement of shares of small amounts will prove more cumbersome and objectionable than the support of scholarships and Bible women. It is well that only a few ten-dollar shares have been taken if such contributors expect to receive frequent reports of the work.

One of the last official acts of dear Mrs. Hitch, the able Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society, was to suggest that the pledge of her Conference should be appropriated in 1913 according to the Station Plan. That Conference leads the way in taking up the entire support of one station, for the Conference desires to meet the full appropriation to Mexico City.

Single-page leaflets should be prepared covering the work of the stations whose support is recommended according to this plan. This would save much writing by the Secretary and also help donors to decide upon objects.

OUR PROMOTED MEMBERS.

The shadows have gathered thick about us since the meeting in Washington, but amid the gloom we catch the vision of the Father, who with loving hand has chastened us. We are never quite prepared for the blow when it falls, though we may have had reason for anticipating it; hence the news of Mrs. Wightman's death brought a shock. What lovely memories cluster about this dear woman, our former President, the beautiful type of Southern womanhood made truer and purer through the love of Christ, the motive power of her every act!

Then, Mrs. Trueheart, that great, calm, wise woman, left us. She is not dead; she but sleeps to wake, and rests now in the bosom of eternal love. Mrs. Trueheart occupied faithfully every post of duty, performed well every allotted task, met fearlessly every obstacle as she pressed forward upon the path into which she was led by God's own hand. The little perplexities, the minor circumstances of life, by God's grace so shaped her character that she walked unflinchingly, unflinching into the broad lines of service into which God led her.

Soon afterwards came the crushing news of the sorrow in China because of the going out of the fresh, young, beautiful life of our dear missionary and friend. She was beautiful in every relation of life; no one can ever fill the place so gracefully, lovingly, obediently occupied by dear Sophia Manns. She was glad to go to heaven from

among the people of China, to whom she had so cheerfully devoted her life.

Then came the passing into eternal life of Mrs. Hitch, the efficient Secretary of South Georgia. The message, "Mamma went to heaven this morning," came from the only daughter, who was herself so deeply afflicted last year. She triumphantly says: "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be his holy name!" How truly divine it is to be able to reach this high plane of living! South Georgia has lost her inspiration, but the spirit of the woman lingers there, and we pray that all her great plans for her Conference may be fully accomplished.

LATIN-AMERICAN FIELDS—BRAZIL, MEXICO, CUBA.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

BRAZIL.

The work in Brazil is located in eight cities; in seven we have schools which have reached a class who are able and willing to pay for the instruction of their children. In those cities evidences are numerous of the respect of the people and their confidence in our teachings.

The President of the republic educated his daughters in our school at Piracicaba. The State Superintendent of Instruction says that this school has had more influence on the education of the State than any institution within its borders.

The architect of the Martha Watts Annex, who is perhaps the best architect in Brazil and who has learned the life of the school from the kitchen to the attic, pronounces it one of the most powerful uplifting and evangelizing agents in Brazil. As an evidence of his high appreciation of the school, he has recently donated to it \$2,000 of his commission and offers to lend the sum necessary for the completion of the Annex at five per cent for as long a time as it is needed.

At Ribeirao Preto the coffee king of the world, who owns forty million coffee trees, granted the largest hall in the city, free of all expense, for our closing exercises. Years ago there was an epidemic of yellow fever in this city. Our missionaries voluntarily assumed the rôle of nurses, going from house to house to take care of the sick, soothe the dying, and comfort the sorrowing. For weeks they were as angels of mercy to the suffering. These missionaries are no longer there; but their beautiful work is cherished by the people of the city, and their successors reap the benefit of their good deeds, for even the Catholic priests take off their hats to our missionaries when they meet them on the streets.

At Petropolis not long ago, when there was trouble with the water-works and we were threatened with the entire loss of the water supply,

the most prominent business men of the city came to our assistance and the city water company laid new and larger mains with heavy pressure, thus putting a permanent end to all trouble on that score.

At Bello Horizonte, when there was an exhibition of the school work, for three evenings the people of the city crowded the building, enthusiastically admiring the handiwork of the pupils. The mayor was among the number; many visited the school for the first time who have since become its patrons.

At Juiz de Fora the problem has been to accommodate one hundred and thirty pupils in space intended for one hundred and three. Every available space has been utilized for class purposes; dining room, office, narrow halls lent themselves with equal readiness and unsuitableness for the same purpose. The art teacher wanted to follow the course prescribed by the government. There was no room for this department, so an old baronial carriage house was transformed into a most attractive studio. It served the purpose beautifully in dry weather, but it sometimes rains in Brazil. A tropical shower overtook the enthusiastic painting class, compelling teacher and pupils to take refuge in chairs and on the platform, while the water rose to a foot or more in the "attractive studio." The utter futility of the scheme was recognized, but the effort was rewarded. The city government came to the rescue by granting a hall to be used free of charge.

Other instances might be given, but those cited show how our missionaries have won approval and made friends for themselves and the work.

At all the stations the schools are crowded.

Needs of Brazil.

In the first place, more workers; strong women, spiritually, intellectually, and physically—women who are thoroughly equipped educationally.

In the second place, financial aid. Bello Horizonte is asking for \$1,400 with which to repair a building on the compound, and by this means secure accommodations for more pupils.

Ribeirao Preto is asking for a new building. The situation there is tense. The house we have occupied for years has been sold to an Italian club who are demanding exorbitant rent. The owners wish it at the end of the present year. We own a beautiful lot, and it is an absolute necessity to build, or abandon the work. This city is in the midst of the richest coffee region in the world. The school has a hold on the community, and has proved itself to be a soul-saving institution. God has a special use for our women in that special place. How shall the present emergency be met? Where can we hope to get the twenty-five thousand dollars needed for immediate use?

In Rio we are facing one of our greatest problems, rendered the more difficult by the fact that opportunities for work are growing greater

each year. We own no property in this city, and yet there is a demand for a great school there. A suitable lot is needed upon which to erect a building in keeping with the requirements of the situation.

The field is left open to Southern Methodism, and there should be placed in this rapidly growing cosmopolitan city a school that will wield an influence like that of Robert College in Constantinople, and that of the Methodist School in Rome, which stands as a great monument to Protestantism almost within the shadow of the Vatican and St. Peter's.

Such an undertaking will require a large sum of money, and it cannot be accomplished in two or three years. A sum should be placed aside each year for this purpose, and in the meantime women of first-class college education should be trained in specific lines, so as to be ready to take their places in the school when it is completed. And it should be understood from the beginning that all our other schools now established in Brazil shall be feeders of this institution.

Funds in Hand for the Rio School.

The Jubilee Fund	\$24,966 77
Funds from other sources	14,902 59
Fund appropriated in 1911-12.....	55,000 00

Total\$94,869 36

This does not include the ten thousand dollars promised by a generous friend in North Carolina.

Another View.

The plans for higher educational work in most mission fields are interdenominational; and if this demand for a great school in Rio could be taken up as an interdenominational enterprise, there might be more hope of an adequate provision for it than if it is left entirely to our Council. It would seem that no one board is of itself able to provide the money and command the workers needed for such a school. We might name the amount we could put into the building and maintenance of this school and make a proposition to a board or boards doing work in Rio. This enterprise will require reënforcement of the most thorough preparation and of the highest ability.

The mere mention of the interdenominational aspect may be the means of developing reliable suggestions from the field. But let these suggestions be based upon a broad view of the whole work, keeping in mind the desire to do that which is best to conserve the true spirit of mission work.

Central Institute.

This work, with its varied departments—day schools, night class, cooking and sewing classes, as well as kindergarten—is meeting a great

need in Rio. The dispensary and medical work is one of the most important and far-reaching in its influence of any department. A trained nurse would be an angel of mercy to many homes and lives.

The annual meeting of our workers was held in Piracicaba in January. One of the actions taken was the formulation of plans for organizing Brazilian aid societies into missionary societies. The desire of the women is to plan this so wisely as to avoid complications in the future. A sweet, sympathetic, prayerful spirit pervaded the meeting, and every woman returned to her station more determined to put the best possible service in her effort to carry on the great work of giving Brazil a knowledge of the true Christ.

South Brazil.

The very best work possible is being done at Porto Alegre under the disadvantageous circumstances. However, the schoolrooms are gradually being equipped. New maps and a sand table now invest geography with new interest, while the pupils and patrons are alike delighted with the paper-cutting and decorating taught in the primary grades. A postgraduate of Columbia University who is connected with the government schools in Porto Alegre has been secured as an assistant. The patronage of the school cannot increase. All the space is now occupied, and, besides, the accommodations are too poor to allow the children of wealthy families to be received into the school as boarders.

The people of the Mission are rejoicing in the fact that the present American minister is a great Y. M. C. A. man and a splendid Christian worker. It means much to the Brazilians for men in high positions to be Christians.

MEXICO.

The revolution has to a certain extent affected the work in this country. Still all the schools, except those at Durango and Saltillo, are in regular session. The missionaries at these two places were advised by the American Consuls to leave Mexico.

Mrs. MacDonell and Miss Bennett visited in January the plant at Laredo with reference to taking charge of the work in June. The property is now leased by the Home Department for five years at one dollar per year. The missionaries who have been in Laredo will be transferred to Mexico.

Our workers in Mexico City remained there during the exciting scenes of the battle, and fortunately were preserved from all harm. For eleven nights they did not undress, and for ten nights they slept on mattresses placed on the floors of the dining room and parlor. Many bullets and shells fell in the garden and on the roof and corridors, but no damage was done to the house.

The exercises of the school were resumed almost as soon as the firing ceased; and though the number in attendance may be smaller, the

classes are going on as usual. Certainly the missionaries displayed the spirit of true heroism and devotion to duty amid the greatest danger.

The house occupied during the year has been quite satisfactory in many respects. The lawn is large, furnishing grounds for recreation and fresh air; but the rent is exorbitant. As a business proposition it would be better to buy in Mexico City on borrowed capital than to continue paying out such large sums for rent.

The school is an influential one, being patronized by first-class Mexicans and Americans. It provides fine workers for Sunday school and Church purposes. Three of the girls who will finish in the Spanish department this year, good Christian girls, are asking for more Bible study and for practical training for Christian work. This shows an advance, as this is the first request of the kind that has been made. Other girls are asking for kindergarten training. Thus the influence extends.

The school at San Luis Potosi has prospered despite the various disturbances of the year, some of which other schools have escaped, such as scarlet fever and other like afflictions. The Principal is a strong, quiet, prudent woman, full of reserve force and of faith in God. The teaching corps has been inadequate, and those in the school have worked uncomplainingly to the full extent of physical endurance.

Misses Wilson and Harper remained at Chihuahua during the rebellion of the early part of 1912 until the contending forces were within three miles of each other. They left on the last train that went from Chihuahua, and stopped at El Paso, the first city this side of the Rio Grande. A few months later the first train returning to Chihuahua bore Miss Wilson as one of its passengers. Miss Harper returned soon afterwards. There is no stronger influence for good in the State of Chihuahua than Palmore Institute; there is no stronger Church in Mexico than the one at Chihuahua located within our compound and composed principally of the former pupils of our school. There are five hundred and twenty pupils there now being trained for future leadership in the State and for active work in the Church of God.

The missionaries at Durango remained quietly at work until advised by the Consul to leave. While the city itself had been quiet, the conditions in the State were serious. Farms were being destroyed and food-stuffs burned; the country people crowded to the city for protection, bringing with them only the small amount of provisions saved from the bandits. For three years in that section there had been a destruction of the principal farm products, first by drought, then by flood, then by rebels, and a riot was feared. Bandits robbed trains, burned bridges, assaulted women, and committed fearful atrocities. It is a relief to have our missionaries safe at home. The atmosphere of the school has been beautiful, and the family have been happy in their work even amid the dangers of rebellion and lawlessness.

There have been no greater heroines in the mission field than our

brave young women at Guadalajara. They have contended not only with revolution but with fearful earthquakes which almost undermined the foundations of our property and which utterly demoralized the city. Thousands left their homes at night to sleep in the streets; hundreds of others spent the night at the station to be sure of getting off on the next day's trains. A state of unrest filled the atmosphere, amounting in some instances to a panic. More than this, the papers told of scientific investigations made by order of the government, which investigations placed Guadalajara over the crater of a volcano and foretold the destruction of the city within six months. In the meantime a volcano a few miles from the city began to send forth flames and lava, making the sky lurid at night and adding terrors to the already unnerved, the ignorant, and superstitious. (Our missionaries did not even write about this volcano.)

But amid all these distracting and disturbing scenes our young women calmly remained at their posts. Because of a change of policy in the management of the school, the attendance has been smaller this year. That was expected, but the school is on a firm basis and the results will be far more satisfactory.

A successful year in every respect can be recorded of the school in Saltillo, with its large normal department of Christian girls. Property was bought last year—a beautiful lot on the Alameda, the principal park of the city—and an appropriation made for the erection of a school building. The revolution has prevented the beginning of the work.

Saltillo is an educational center. The State Normal here ranks among the highest in the country. The status of education in this State was declared by the National Congress of Teachers to be higher than that in any other. The fact is due to the output of teachers from the State Normal and from the evangelical schools located there, the Presbyterian, Baptist, and ours. There is an atmosphere of culture there, the moral tone is above the average for Mexico, and the distractions of modern life are fewer than those to be found in larger cities. Such conditions favor the development of Christian character and prove the wisdom of the location of our Normal School.

Our property is exempt from taxation by a special act of legislation. We receive from the State of Coahuila a subsidy of \$100 in Mexican currency per month. Ours was the only Protestant school in Mexico that was officially invited to send a representative to the National Congress of Teachers last year. One of our graduates, an excellent Christian young lady, is now spending a month in the City of Mexico at the expense of the government that she may study educational problems there.

CUBA.

In the early part of last year our missionaries at Matanzas and Cienfuegos were compelled to come to the States on account of the race war that was taking place on the island. But almost before it was

considered safe for them to return they were lingering near the border, even trying to catch the breezes from their adopted and beloved homes. The schools are somewhat smaller than heretofore, but good work is being done at both places.

Another missionary is called for at Matanzas, and one should also be sent to Cienfuegos. An evidence of the strong influence of the work there is shown in the recent bequest to the Woman's Missionary Council of Quinta Tosca, the residence and grounds of Señor Tosca, who for years has held a prominent position in the government schools at Matanzas. This place is valued at \$7,000.

THE FAR EAST.

"I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."

KOREA.

"Poor Korea, stricken and helpless, distressed by fears within and troubles without, her old religious belief shattered, and her new faith called in question, stretches out her hands and appeals to Heaven for the help that seems to be denied from human sources." Our hearts go out to her now with deeper sympathy and tenderer interest than when her hundreds and thousands flocked to hear the gospel story. But notwithstanding the persecution, the work goes on.

Christian education is one of the greatest needs to-day in Chosen, and perhaps no other phase of our educational work demands more immediate attention than the country schools.

The Koreans themselves are aroused to the importance of these schools, and in some of the districts the men from the country villages are begging that day schools for their girls be established in connection with the country and village Churches. The Japanese government has taken charge of the school work in Korea, and we are forced to comply with their requirements of curriculum, equipment, and efficiency of teachers, or our schools will be closed and the children lost to us.

Five of our country day schools in the Choon Chun and Wonsan Districts, in desperate need of teachers, were in danger of being closed by the government. But the girls of the highest class in Holston Institute gave up the idea of finishing their school course and went out heroically to take charge of these schools.

There are sixteen day schools in our mission. For some of these, buildings are needed at once. In the cities these cost about \$500 each; in the country, \$350 each. This is a work that should appeal to many of our women.

We have three boarding schools for girls, one each in Seoul, Songdo, and Wonsan.

The Carolina Institute, in Seoul, has been hampered greatly by the need of a new building. Our women who have worked so faithfully there, as well as all the forces of our mission, will rejoice when suitable quarters are provided for their growing school.

Holston Institute, the boarding school at Songdo, has had the best year in its history and is wielding a wonderful power for good throughout the whole mission field.

Lucy Cuninggim, at Wonsan, is passing through a formative period; a change in the policy of the school is reducing the attendance. This should be no surprise, but the basis of work will be firmer from the crucial period through which it is now passing.

There are two Bible schools for women, the Joy Hardie at Songdo and the Alice Cobb at Wonsan. Both are training Bible women who visit the country districts. One Bible woman in a recent itinerating trip of six weeks spoke to 4,170 women, who heard her gladly.

The Mary Helm School, in Songdo, is doing fine work in training young widows for teachers in day schools. The institution is in need of more room for its work, and should be granted the new building for which it is asking.

Needs of the Work in Korea.

Choon Chun: Five country school buildings in the district and a boarding school in Choon Chun.

Wonsan: A music teacher.

Songdo: City primary schools, building for Mary Helm School, and a missionary for day schools.

Seoul: A music teacher, a kindergarten teacher (Japanese preferred), and a teacher of domestic science.

CHINA.

"China for Christ; Christ for China."

"So great an opportunity as God now offers in China is a sovereign summons. It demands of us the enlargement of our horizon, the expansion of our faith, the acceptance of our duty, and the eager and joyful exercise of our fellowship with Christ in ministering to the needs of an awakened nation and in hastening the coming of his world-wide kingdom by an unprecedented advancement. May the Church in China and in the West be found equal to the opportunity!"

The work has developed in every department during the past year. At Huchow Virginia School has grown in size and influence, having reached some of the most prominent and influential families in the city. Woman's work has developed into an agency that has helped to make Huchow District the largest in the China Conference; and the day school work under the skillful management of our first missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, has become a light to those who sit in darkness, leading them into paths of righteousness. Ivey Home is a

haven of rest to our workers in Huchow. A Bible woman's home is being planned, in which many women will be trained to lead their own people to Christ.

In the Soochow District our work, with its varied phases—educational, industrial, medical, and evangelistic—is growing so rapidly that the plans for one year fail to meet the demands of the next. The Laura Haygood has fashioned the lives of many fine young Chinese girls, and her “daughters are as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace.” Her borders have been extended and now embrace the promising day schools, which shall reach the young children of the neighborhood. Our hospital has had a year of beautiful service and rich development in all lines, and is prepared to do better work than ever before in its history. Some one who has recently visited eight hospitals in China kept by men and women, the inspection extending from Shanghai to Peking, pronounces ours the one altogether the most attractive, the cleanest, and the freshest, and, so far as observation goes, none is better fulfilling the mission of a hospital. The medical school and nurse-training school in connection with it are meeting a need in China, and have had more applications than it was possible to accommodate. The medical school is the only chartered one for women in all that part of China. Thousands are reached through its evangelistic agencies, which are becoming a force in our work. There have been six thousand patients in the hospital during the year, which means that all patients and accompanying friends and attendants, making more than 18,000, have heard the gospel story.

The work at Kong Hong has developed wonderfully during the past year. This church commands a fine location in the city of Soochow, where the great tent meetings have been held; and the results of these meetings have been greatly conserved by the work of our evangelist in the neighborhood. The women probationers have been instructed, and thus saved to the Church. A day school for girls and a kindergarten have been established in that neighborhood also.

The evangelistic work on the district has been well planned and successfully worked. Day schools have been developed, and others are being called for. Crowds have flocked to hear the word preached, and more have been reached as probationers than the churches in the district will accommodate. If an attempt should be made to seat in the churches and chapel even those who have applied for membership, over one thousand would have to remain outside the house of God.

The Sunday school at Tien-Sz-Tsaung (the name applied to the neighborhood in which the Soochow University, Laura Haygood, and the hospitals are located) has grown to twice the accommodation of the church; the men's class is sent to the men's hospital for instruction; and the hundreds of women are sent to our hospital, where Dr. Margaret Polk, by the urgent request of the superintendent of the Sunday school, acts as superintendent of that department. Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen is the

name applied to the compound in which is located the Davidson Memorial, with its departments of girls' boarding school, day schools, Industrial School, kindergarten, Kindergarten Training School, and women's work. This great plant has grown from a small-sized day school to its present wonderful proportions through the wise judgment and careful planning of its able head, Miss Virginia M. Atkinson. The whole plant should be placed under her superintendence, notwithstanding the fact that there may be principals of the various departments. Miss Atkinson should be freed from all teaching in order that she may give her time fully to the largest development of this plant, the creation of her brain. There is a regularly organized Church within the compound—a self-supporting Church, the product of our mission work. The congregation has so grown within the past year that it has to worship by sections. At the morning service all under twelve go to the kindergarten chapel, and then the church is crowded to discomfort with those who have come to hear the gospel of the Son of God. Improvements and additions are asked for the Davidson Memorial Kindergarten and Industrial School.

The work in the Shanghai District is progressing beyond our capacity to supply the demand. The work on outstations has grown beyond one woman, and assistance is needed all along the lines—an evangelist, more native teachers for schools, larger buildings for the accommodation of pupils, and more efficient Bible women to reach those who are inquiring after the truth. A well-qualified, thoroughly equipped missionary is needed at Hayes-Wilkins to assist in the further development of that well-planned school. Susan B. Wilson is asking for needed help in the line of kindergarten work and in the enlargement of dining room and chapel. So the work grows, and so assistance has been called for every station from time to time; and requests have been granted as far as the progress at home would allow.

I quote from the presiding elder with reference to the work at Shanghai: "Unless we strengthen our equipment in Shanghai, we must fall behind the lead which has so long been ours. A large and liberal contribution of the Church at home right now at this new era in China's history would lay foundations that would tell not only on the future of China's national history but in the larger work of the building up of the kingdom of God."

There are great, pressing needs in many of our fields, some of whose calls seem imperative; but there is nothing that more demands immediate action than McTyeire, our first school in China for the education of high-class Chinese girls.

Other institutions in China have been built and equipped since anything has been done for McTyeire. Laura Haygood, in Soochow, stands as an evidence of the generosity and wisdom of the women of North Georgia; Virginia School, in Huchow, speaks in brick and stone of the

generosity and wisdom of the Virginia women; the Susan B. Wilson, of Sungkiang, of the Baltimore women; the Mary Black Hospital, in Soochow, of the loving expression of the women of North Carolina—in fact, of Southern Methodism—for their less fortunate sisters; and the great plant at Mo-Ka-Hwo-Yoen tells of the gratitude welling up from the hearts of South Georgia and of North Alabama and other women for the blessings which the Father has abundantly placed in their possession.

These have all been built and equipped since any enlargement or extension has been granted to McTyeire. The original plant was filled beyond its limit years ago, and still other pupils applied for admission. It overflowed into the parsonage next door, and still others applied. In October two rooms were secured from the Moore Memorial Church, within the same compound, by which classrooms were converted into dormitories. Soon these were filled, and cots were placed in halls and in every available space in the building, and others still are asking for admission. The attendance has grown too large for the morning prayer service to be held in the school chapel, so the auditorium of the church is used each day. The men of Shanghai, the patrons of the school, having become interested, gathered in McTyeire's parlor and have themselves projected and inaugurated a plan for the enlargement of McTyeire. On November 28 fourteen of the most prominent and influential men of Shanghai, with Wu Ting Fang, the former Minister to the United States, as chairman, and Mr. Tso, the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., as secretary, decided that they would raise \$60,000 with which to buy land in one of the most desirable portions of Shanghai for the benefit of this school in which their daughters had been educated.

Surely this generous act on the part of these Chinese gentlemen ought to inspire the women of Southern Methodism to do great things for this school, which has been so long neglected. This action of these men for the advancement of our work shows the spirit of China. They want education; they want more than that, for they say that China's hope is the Bible and education founded upon the teachings of the Word of God.

God is in this movement in China, and in his own miraculous way he will help the leaders of this new nation to grapple with the problems confronting them in the transformation of the old empire of China into the new republic of to-day. The utter crushing out of the old for the new or the entire merging of the old into the new is illustrated by the fact that the educational bill passed by the National Council eliminated everything pertaining to religion and no longer allows the veneration of Confucius. It is even proposed to use for an experimental farm the grounds of the Temple of Heaven and the Temple of Agriculture, two most gorgeous temples just outside the walls of the Imperial City. The worship offered by the Emperor at the altar of heaven and

the veneration of Confucius are among the foundation stones of the Chinese political and social system. These old systems are swept away, and something with a stronger, surer foundation must be furnished these millions of people. They are looking to America to supply their need. Surely we will not fail them.

While a great work has been done and is being done in our mission fields, we have touched but lightly the great enterprise that lies out before us. In the first place, there has been a lack of money, which is a most important factor in winning the world for Christ. The relation of money to missions is a vital one. It has been said that the gold of the universe is not sufficient to purchase the pardon of one single soul, and yet in a sense money can buy salvation for millions of souls. And whose is this money you have at your command? Is it yours or God's? If God's, why not use it for his cause?

Another need is workers—young men and women who are willing to give their lives to this phase of Christian work. There are hundreds of these in our colleges who can be reached through the proper channels. The time has come, however, when only the best equipped and thoroughly educated should be sent to our fields, and those qualified for intellectual and religious leadership. Some of our missionaries say: "Do not send us any unless you can send us women that are well qualified." Others say: "Send us educators, women who know the value of an education and are willing to give their lives to the schoolroom in the education of the girls and women of our field. Send us women of poise and polish." Others say: "Send us women of full and thorough training. We need leaders, people who can grapple with the great movements of the day." Great as is our need for workers, we had better send none than to send inefficient women.

Another need is the awakening of the indifferent women of the Church, the arousing of them to the consciousness of their responsibility and indebtedness to the world. This depends largely upon the tactful activities of those already enlisted in mission work.

But more than money, more than missionaries, more than information from the fields, more than great numbers in our auxiliaries is the need of persistent, prevailing prayer. Some one has said that the Church with her present spiritual equipment is not equal to the requirements of the day. There may be more knowledge of the needs in mission fields, more organization; but the Church cannot measure up to its full opportunities without great spiritual power.

We need the spirit and power of prayer shown by John Knox when he said: "O Lord, give me Scotland or I die!" And God gave it to him.

O for hundreds and thousands of men and women throughout the Church who will cry from the depths of their hearts, "O God, give me China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, Latin America, the isles of the sea, the uttermost parts of the earth! O God, give me these or I die!" And God will give them to us. May that day come speedily!

HOME DEPARTMENT, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, SECRETARY.

In making the report for 1912 one feels constrained to quote the Master Missionary as he wrote to the Corinthians: "I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." The doors that have opened to the home mission worker this year have been larger and more inviting than ever before in the history of organized mission work. In entering we have met opposition, and we have been limited by lack of money and workers. We realize that truly our adversaries are many. Notwithstanding these facts, the doors have been entered and have proved effectual as service has been rendered; men, women, and little children have been bettered.

MEMBERSHIP AND MONEYS.

The Conference Secretaries report the membership of the Home Department as follows:

	Auxiliaries.	Members.
Adult	3,508	80,324
Young People	664	11,613
Junior	776	19,654
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Total	4,948	111,591
Names added to the Baby Division		6,739

This means an actual increase of 603 auxiliaries and 12,672 members, and 2,630 names on the Baby Division.

A summary of the Treasurer's report shows the collections to be:

Dues	\$ 79,963 95
Pledges	33,345 85
Specials, sundries, etc.	26,174 84
Other sources	41,976 78

Total cash	\$181,461 42
City missions, per voucher	59,677 45

Total for connectional work	\$241,138 87
Expended for local work	\$337,375 20
Value of supplies sent through the Supply Department	43,822 78

Grand total	\$622,336 85
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Deducting the \$41,976.78 entered on books as "other sources" because it includes school fees, annuities and bequests, and the contributions of the young people and children, the adult membership averaged a fraction more than \$2.39 *per capita*.

The young people report 11,613 members, double the number of previous years. Their contribution of \$3,261.50 makes an average per member of 28 cents. The Junior Division shows an increase of 4,435 members, but a loss of \$1,453.73 in collections when compared with 1910. They average 19 cents per member. The Baby Division added 6,739 names and contributed \$1,391.17, a loss of \$1,460.68 by the same comparison. They averaged in 1912 12 cents *per capita*. Comparison is made with 1910, as the records of 1911 covered only ten months, owing to change of fiscal year. The inconsistency of increasing membership and decreasing collections reveals the inaccuracy of our present method of reporting.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

November 17-24 was the period selected for the season of special prayer and collections for the Home Department. All of the Protestant Churches of America were united at that time in a general study of the great moral, social, industrial, and religious conditions of our country. It was a season when united study made evident the demand there is for united effort in making our country God's country. Special programs were prepared and issued to every auxiliary in the connection through the District Secretaries. Eight hundred packages were sent out from our office. Leaflets giving information concerning the work awaiting the Church of God, and also that which we of our branch and other branches had been doing, were issued in large quantities. Fourteen hundred and forty-three auxiliaries observed the season, which resulted in a collection of \$11,683.25. The cost of enterprising this special season, which partook somewhat of the nature of a jubilee, was as follows:

Printing program and leaflets	\$368 00
Mailing and expressing same	197 55
Total	<hr/> \$565 55

LOCAL WORK.

Charity work done in the local auxiliary will always mean home missions to some of our membership. The change of record books and report blanks made it difficult to tabulate the good that has been done through this department. More and more we are trying to get away from the reporting of numbers, trusting to the mere questions, "Are you observing the Week of Prayer?" "Do you visit the sick and strangers?" "Are there garments distributed in your auxiliary?" to serve as an impetus to do the work about our doors.

These incomplete reports show 98,558 visits made to the sick and strangers, 30,730 garments given to the needy, and 199,780 leaflets and papers distributed, while \$337,375.20 has been used in local work.

Meeting the needs of the poor in a community does not mean home

mission work in its largest sense. Local charity work is simply relieving the wants which are brought about by conditions which home missions seek to change. There are great movements which the Church must inaugurate which look to making sin and its horrible chain of evils an impossibility. We have faith to believe that intelligent, consecrated effort can relieve conditions and make the redemption of human society possible.

PARSONAGES.

We have not yet gotten away, in some Conference Societies, from the need of helping to build parsonages. The General Conference has arranged that one-fifth of the collections of the Conference Boards of Church Extension shall be used for parsonage-building, and the General Board of Church Extension is prepared to meet this requirement. There are some Conferences, however, where the membership is so small and the Conference collections so inadequate that it has been granted to some Conference Societies to use their half of dues for aiding in parsonage-building. Our record for 1912 shows:

Parsonages helped by Conference Societies	24
Amount	\$3,175 00

This report shows \$3,175 expended. The total amount remitted this year by the Treasurer of the Council to the Parsonage Department was \$1,863.03. This means that there have been unpaid grants from former years which have just measured to the requirements of the law and are now duly settled.

CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES.

The policy adopted at the last session of the Council for the use of the Conference half of dues has proved a most satisfactory method of adjusting the problem as to how each Conference may judiciously expend the funds left in its hands by the law for investment. By voluntary action eighteen Conferences appropriated \$9,751.18 to the connectional work of the Council from these funds.

A noble example is given in the action of the North Georgia and Tennessee Conferences at their recent sessions, by which their whole Conference half of dues will be turned back to the general treasury. This generous effort at helping the connectional work at this reconstruction period is worthy of emulation.

The Southwest Missouri Conference Society has devoted its half of dues to putting in new electric light connections and fixtures at Scarritt Bible and Training School, at a cost of \$1,818.53. The comfort to students and faculty far exceeds the generous gift of donors. The South Carolina Conference equipped the gymnasium of the Spartanburg Wesley House, while Alabama and Tennessee helped to build their Wesley Houses.

SUPPLIES.

The Superintendent of the Bureau of Supplies reports:

Boxes sent to preachers	311
Boxes sent to mission schools and city missions.....	332
Boxes sent to Conference orphanages	505
Miscellaneous boxes sent	105

Total 1,253

The total value of these boxes was \$43,822.78.

SCHOOLS.

We maintain 13 schools, employ 88 teachers, and enroll 2,028 students. The cost to the Council for the current expenses of these schools amounted to \$66,622.52. From this deduct the fees, \$11,034.96, paid for tuition and forwarded to the treasury and included in its remittances, and we find that the Council paid last year \$27.45 for each student in our schools. The purchase of new property and finishing of buildings begun two years ago netted \$11,544.34. Contributions given by friends directly to the schools aggregated \$5,236.45.

Listed, these schools are as follows:

Mountain.

	Teachers.	Students.
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	15	424
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	10	186

Florida Coast.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	18	673
Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla.....	5	320
West Tampa Night School.....	2	22
West Tampa School and Kindergarten.....	4	211

Industrial.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga....	8	122
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	4	131
Virginia K. Johnson, Dallas, Tex.....	10	68

Pacific Coast.

Primary Japanese, Alameda, Cal.....	2	29
Kindergarten, Alameda, Cal.....	2	16
Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	12
Kindergarten, Oakland, Cal.....	1	16

The individual records of these institutions are found under the headings: Mountain Work, Foreign Work, Negroes, Mill Work, and Girls.

Statistical Record of Home Mission Schools.

School.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Students.	Number of Departments.	Cost to Council for Current Expenses.	Amount of Tuition Paid by Students.	Amount of Fees Remitted to Gen. Treasurer.	Money Paid to School by Friends.	Total Cost of School.	Amount Expended for Land, Building, and Furniture.	Value of Property.
MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS:										
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	15	424	5	\$10,519 89	\$ 6,986 65	\$ 5,850 00	.....	\$17,789 69	\$ 6,288 88	\$ 75,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	10	186	7	5,980 00	2,422 22	2,449 13	\$1,149 00	10,847 22	3,806 25	16,000 00
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS:										
Vashiti Inst., Thomasville, Ga. (for friendless girls).....	8	122	4	7,365 00	2,304 00	.....	3,120 00	12,600 00	1,005 63	30,000 00
Virginia Johnson, Dallas, Tex. (unfortunate girls).....	10	68	4	8,770 00	741 67	.....	274 50	9,375 88	.....	84,673 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (negro).....	4	131	3	2,125 04	50 00	.....	.....	2,437 03	.....	7,000 00
PACIFIC COAST:										
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	12	.....	360 00	.....	.....	.....	360 00	.....	11,900 00
Japanese Kindergarten, Alameda, Cal.....	2	16	.....	360 00	.....	.....	.....	360 00	.....	.....
Japanese Primary, Alameda, Cal.....	2	29	.....	360 00	62	.....	661 95	1,022 57	.....	.....
Japanese Kindergarten, Oakland, Cal.....	1	16	.....	188 00	.....	.....	.....	360 00	.....	.....
FLORIDA COAST:										
Wolf Mission School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	5	320	3	2,820 34	319 60	319 60	.....	2,957 97	265 97	6,700 00
Cuban Night School, Tampa, Fla.*.....	.....	20	.....	.....	139 27	139 27	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Tampa Cuban School, Tampa, Fla.....	4	211	.....	1,568 00	175 50	176 50	.....	1,568 00	.....	1,300 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	18	673	4	10,432 18	5,200 83	2,100 46	1 00	12,639 68	5,454 71	50,575 00
Total.....	81	2,028	30	\$50,849 45	\$19,199 09	\$11,034 96	\$5,236 45	\$82,418 04	\$16,821 44	\$283,148 00

* Taught by two members of the Society of Wolf Mission School.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.

The Sue Bennett School, at London, Ky., has a property value of \$80,000. Five schools were conducted last year, covering: Graded school, 170 students; high school, 69 students; commercial, 69 students; normal, 173 students; music, 192 students; making a total of 633 enrolled in the various departments. Some students have covered two departments, as there were only 424 individual students. Fifteen teachers are employed at this institution. The coöperative kitchen and dining room have been added, and proved a helpful feature in the work this year. Students who were unable to meet the payment of board and lodging in the new dormitory were thus enabled to conduct a boarding department for themselves at a minimum cost. All the girls room in the new dormitory, but any who preferred the coöperative dining room were free to have meals there. The Bible class this year has furnished especial interest. Sufficient money has not been collected to build Lucinda B. Helm Hall, and in the meantime the school has no chapel and inadequate classrooms. It is difficult to understand how so large a school body can do good work without an assembly hall. We need \$10,000 to add to the amount already collected for this new building before we can hope to erect it.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

Seven departments were carried on at this school during the past year. These were academic, normal, music, agriculture, domestic arts, household economics. The students do all of the work of the institution, and each in turn bears his or her responsibility in some department of the work. One hundred and eighty-six were enrolled, 40 of whom were boys between the ages of 16 and 20. This cost the general treasury \$8,425; but \$2,422.22 was returned from tuition fees, so that the actual tax for current expenses on the treasury was only \$6,001. We expended \$3,806.25 on the purchase of lots and buildings. They greatly need the new building, which has been promised for some time. A committee is at work on plans for this building, and it is sincerely hoped that we may report the building finished and furnished before the close of another year.

WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS AND IMMIGRANTS.

Florida Coast.

Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla., last year enrolled 320 children. The faculty rendered efficient service, and the development of character among these Cuban children was most gratifying. The children are not only encouraged to have the betterment that comes from instruction in the school, but from such social features as furnish outlet and develop-

ment of personality. Training and singing in a vested choir for the neighboring Cuban Methodist Church has come to be an attractive feature of the school work. The young ladies' club is developing higher ideals among the young Cuban women. The Minnie May Club, which is the name given to the sewing department, is now in its third year of existence. These children began making the wardrobe for an infant doll, which they called Minnie May. The next year great zest was given the sewing class by the short garments that were made for Minnie May as she emerged from an infant into a little girl. This year they have a trousseau for her marriage under construction. The romance attached to this doll and the various garments that the children have been enabled to shape will be not only instructive in the art of sewing, but carries with it a cluster of memories which will mean much to the little Cuban children who, in God's providence, will become mothers and home builders themselves. The total cost of maintaining and repairing this school was \$3,139.94; \$319.60 in tuition fees was returned to the general treasury.

West Tampa School and Kindergarten.

The 125 children who were enrolled in the West Tampa Primary School and the 60 children in the kindergarten department continue to attest the popularity of Miss Emelina Valdes as a leader of children. Under Miss Willie Terrill the kindergarten has added much to the attractiveness of the school. We are beginning to gather harvest from seed-sowing in the long ago, as there are members of the faculty at both Wolff Mission and West Tampa who were students in these schools in former years. The cost of maintaining this school was \$1,568; \$173.50 was returned as tuition fees.

West Tampa Wesley House.

Mrs. Alexander and Miss Zadie Royalty have been in labors abundant in West Tampa. In August the Wesley House family moved into the new Institutional Church which the Board of Missions had completed. The large Sabbath school room furnishes space for clubs and night school, and the living apartments above render service to the community possible. The night school for young men and boys has been perhaps the most resultful work of the year. Miss Royalty has acquired a speaking knowledge of Spanish, which makes friendly visiting profitable to the community.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

The activities carried on here are: A graded school, business school, music school, and Cuban sub-school, which enroll 758 students in the various departments. The mothers' club and the Institute Choral Society are for the social and educational development of the community. In addition to the school work, which has been efficient in each department, the educational influence of the school is found in its success in

inducing the Lyceum course to have its representatives furnish a number of programs for the pleasure and profit of the school and community. In the spring Miss Tina Tucker conducted an evangelistic service in the school which was most helpful to students and faculty.

It cost the Council \$13,005.34 to maintain this institution. The fees from students aggregated \$5,200.83, but only \$2,100 was forwarded to the Council treasury because of demand for immediate use of the \$3,100 to meet outstanding obligations on the new building, repairs, and necessary furniture.

There is great need for four more schoolrooms for primary grade work, as we are compelled to turn away students because of lack of room. A boarding department seems forced upon us because of the great need there is for a boarding school to accommodate the children on the adjacent islands. To meet the immediate demand for enlargement here at least \$30,000 is needed. This is an opportunity for great gifts from those of God's children to whom he has intrusted large moneys.

Pacific Coast.

The work on the Pacific Coast has been greatly prospered during the year. At San Francisco the Korean Church, of which Rev. David Lee is pastor, received three adult members and baptized five babes. The *Korean Evangelist* was discontinued after the June issue, as it was found difficult to secure its entrance into Korea. Without this large Korean subscription it could not be financed successfully.

Mr. S. Y. Whang, our Korean circuit pastor, has established preaching places at Sacramento, Stockton, and other neighboring towns. During the year he received five adults into the Church and has been in labors abundant.

At Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal., we have the largest Sunday school for Japanese in America. Rev. J. Ota, the pastor of the Church at Alameda, baptized and received four adults into the Church. The kindergarten at Alameda enrolled 16, while the primary school enrolled 29 and the night school 12, making a total at Alameda of 57 children and men who came under the direct influence of the gospel daily.

The work at Oakland has grown this year, since we are enabled to have a regular Japanese pastor. Rev. J. K. Motoyoshi came to us from Japan as pastor of this Japanese colony. The kindergarten was opened in the early fall and enrolls some 16 children, not one of whom comes from a Christian home.

The Japanese themselves bear the total cost of the primary school at Alameda. They contributed last year \$661.95 for that department. Under the direction of Mr. Acton, the superintendent, these Orientals are appreciating the gospel and its message to them and are looking toward making their Churches and schools self-supporting.

Itemized, their contributions last year were as follows:

Japanese schools, Alameda, Cal.....	\$ 661 95
Alameda Church, for religious services.....	262 10
Oakland Church	88 50
Koreans at San Francisco toward the maintenance of the Korean Church and Settlement...	206 11
Furnishings for the same	100 00
Toward support of the minister	45 00
Total	<hr/> \$1,363 66

It is interesting to note that eighteen Japanese Buddhist societies in California, with a membership of 5,450 out of a Japanese population of 58,555, raised last year for the support of their primary and kindergarten schools the sum of \$19,430. With gifts of the initiative and generous zeal like this, has not Christian America a challenge to larger activities among these foreign-born people?

Los Angeles.

The work at Los Angeles this year has branched out. In addition to the number of patients who have been cared for in the Homer Toberman Hospital, the City Board has planned a seven-room portable building, where a free clinic and dispensary has been established. The hospital department, with ten beds, three of which are endowed by the generosity of Major Toberman, has been self-sustaining. Toward the maintenance of this hospital and this extension of work the Woman's Missionary Council has contributed this year \$1,080.

GULF COAST WORK.

For five years the Gulf Coast work has been a joint enterprise, financed and managed by the men and women of the Church. The four points where the work has been located are Galveston, New Orleans, Gulfport, and Biloxi.

Galveston.

The Immigrant Home at Galveston, Tex., last year cared for 2,763 immigrants as they entered port and for 334 who were returning to their native lands. Nine hundred and forty-nine sailors were given lodging at the Home, while 6,940 found rest and recreation under the clean, wholesome influence of the Home. Eighty gospel services were held at the Immigrant Home during the year.

The total cost of maintaining the Galveston Immigrant Home to the Church was \$4,155.92. The board of the immigrant, either as he was passing into our ports or of the undesirables who were boarded by the government at our institution while awaiting a court hearing, amounted to \$7,686.40, and the lockers which the sailors rented for given periods came to \$140.

The government has at last finished the building on Pelican Island where the steerage passengers will be examined and detained until time for them to take the trains which will transport them to the interior. Our Immigrant Home is therefore no longer a necessity, and a readjustment of our immigrant work must be made. There will be need of a port missionary—one who can speak more than one language. Awaiting the meeting of the Council, an arrangement has been made whereby the services of Rev. J. S. Reifsneider will be retained, so that he may serve as the missionary. A home will be provided which will enable him to carry on services in German for the small congregation which gathered each week at the Immigrant Home. This will also enable him to have an office in the city and a desk at the port of entry. The work of this department in the future will be maintained by the Woman's Missionary Council alone, a division of work having been effected by which the men care for the missionary work among the Italians and other resident foreigners on the island.

Gulfport and Biloxi.

Five thousand two hundred and thirty sailors landed at Gulfport in 1912, 1,676 of whom were cared for at our Sailors' Rest. Ten thousand nine hundred and twenty found rest and recreation in the Sailors' Home. One hundred and twenty-nine gospel services were conducted, while a concert or social gathering was held every week of the year.

At Biloxi the Wesley House has grown in usefulness and numbers, so that the night school had 60 in regular attendance. Sabbath school scholars numbering 103 were in regular attendance. The total cost of this Gulfport and Biloxi work was \$4,130.59, \$184.54 coming directly from the sailors. The Mississippi Conference Home Mission Society has supported the kindergarten feature at the Biloxi Wesley House from its half of dues.

New Orleans.

The work at St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, has gone forward despite the many discouragements with which it has had to contend. The various club features have increased in numbers and interest. The organization of an Italian Church, with a regular pastor appointed, was effected in September. Rev. W. E. Thomas has been a sympathetic worker with the institution, and is much beloved by the Italians. The work has suffered from the continued illness of Miss Margaret Ragland, who for four years has been head resident; but the heroic effort of the resident workers, under the leadership of Miss Roberta Baker, has kept the work intact. The work at New Orleans has been joint with the men of the Board, and the women have put \$5,000 into it. Only \$3,600 has gone into St. Mark's Hall, however, and the remainder has gone toward the support of the other missions of the city.

FOREIGN WORK OF CITY MISSION BOARDS.

Much work among the foreign-born people is rendered through the Wesley Houses and larger plants enterprised by the City Mission Boards. Work at Attalla, Ala., Fort Worth, Tex., the Lead Belt Mission, in Missouri, San Antonio Wesley House, Thurber, Birmingham, and other city mission enterprises is carried on by 19 deaconesses and 18 missionaries. The total number of workers engaged in this foreign work of the City Boards and Council is 57, while \$51,791.98 is expended in the same.

NEGRO WORK.

The committee appointed at the last Council meeting to draft the policy for the negro work submitted to the Council members by correspondence the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted as the policy for negro work:

"1. That three teachers of industry be employed for the work at Paine Annex; that the work be enterprised as it has been for the past ten years—namely, the teaching of cooking, sewing, and laundering—the President of Paine College to nominate the teachers for these industries.

"2. That Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Extension Secretary of the negro work, assisted by Miss Mayme Reams, carry forward the organization of Bible study classes, civic leagues, and social betterment clubs among the colored people in as many cities and towns as possible.

"3. That in prosecuting the work the women of the auxiliaries, wherever she effects organization of these classes and clubs, be urged to co-operate with her in this work.

"4. That the workers employed in this negro extension work be furnished a home in Augusta, properly equipped for their home life.

"5. That a Settlement in a needy negro community in Augusta be enterprised, if it can be financed, the Extension Secretary and her assistant to have charge of this institution."

Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

In June, 1912, Miss Ellen Young, who for ten years had been the matron of Paine Annex, resigned. We suffered a loss in her going, but under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Hammond, the President of the school, a faculty was provided which has carried forward the work. During the year 23 boarders have been cared for at the Annex. One hundred and thirty-one girls had the domestic science course, while 131 have had a course in sewing. The cost to the Council for this industrial training at Paine College has been \$2,437.03.

Negro Extension.

The work for negroes in Augusta, under the direction of the deaconesses, has taken form so that we now have an ideal for other cities which looks to the betterment of their crowded negro communi-

ties. The kindergarten has enrolled 31 small children under the instruction of Miss Madeline Gasser; 36 children have been given industrial training; 26 boys are in the club; 60 children are in the Sabbath school, while the colored Civic League and Churches support and direct three playgrounds for small negro children. Let it be forever reckoned to the credit of the North Georgia Conference Woman's Missionary Society that the support of this extension work has been made possible by its generous donation from its half of dues.

The deaconesses make their home in a quiet cottage on Woodlawn Street, while this industrial and training center is located in the crowded negro centers. They touch 193 different persons in some phase of their work during each week.

DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT GIRLS.

There is no line of work which appeals to the womanhood of the Church more than does that of the dependent girl or the delinquent girl. Through our city mission work more than a thousand girls receive inspirational and educative influence through some form of club feature or educational department of the Wesley House.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

The activities carried on here are the academic school, industrial training, social instruction, and religious teaching. One hundred and twenty-two girls have been enrolled; eight teachers have had supervision of the school. The Council has been responsible for \$7,176 of the \$12,600 which has gone toward the support of the school. Two thousand three hundred and four dollars has been paid in tuition; \$3,120 has been contributed to the institution directly by friends. Professor Bishop reckons that it would require four hundred institutions such as this at Thomasville to meet the open doors for such work in the South. The equipment of this school is insufficient, and the cause is worthy of a more liberal support.

Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.

Sixty-eight girls have been cared for in our beautiful new building at the Virginia K. Johnson Home and School. Thirty-two babes have been born there during the year. The furnishings of this new building have been entirely met during the year, and the sale of the old property arranges for the liquidation of two-thirds of the debt on the building. Sewing, cooking, laundering, and schoolroom classes are divided into three sections, each section taking two hours every day. The girls who enter this school are required to make a pledge to remain two years in order that they may have the benefit of the training and the character-forming habits which should be established under this instruction. The efficiency of the institution cannot be established, however, unless some arrangement can be made whereby each girl can

have further training along the line of her gifts. At least eighteen months of the two years are abnormal periods of the girl's life, because of her physical condition. She cannot reap the full benefit of the training when ill and out of regular work so large a portion of her time. We must make these industrial institutions efficient if we would make them worth while to the girls who enter, and an earnest effort must be made to relate the course of study to the manner of life the students must follow when they leave our protection.

CITY MISSIONS.

Thirty-seven City Mission Boards now are leading in organized work for the betterment of society. Last year they employed 73 deaconesses, 20 missionaries, 10 nurses, 12 kindergartners, 2 day nursery mothers, 6 house mothers, and 3 teachers in the mission schools. They carry on work at 14 different centers for foreign people and employ 37 workers at a cost of \$21,195. At 12 cotton mill centers they employ 18 deaconesses and 7 missionaries, where the work is housed in 11 Wesley Houses. In the slums of our cities, where the work falls among a mixed class of people, neither immigrant nor industrial, 8 centers were established, which employed 14 deaconesses and 4 missionaries.

The work in these cities clusters about 21 Wesley Houses. In St. Louis the Kingdom House, in Kansas City the Institutional Church, and in New Orleans St. Mark's Hall are the centers of operation. Five co-operative homes are maintained, and three deaconesses and one missionary are employed as travelers' aids in four different cities. A small hospital and one Door of Hope also are among our activities. All of this work is carried forward by 83 trained workers, 113 salaried workers, and 637 volunteers.

City Boards have been organized at Lexington, Ky., Attalla, Ala., Norfolk, Va., and San Francisco, Cal., while Birmingham, Ala., has extended its work by opening a second Wesley House at Ensley among the Italians who are engaged by the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company in their large steel plants. It is not given to many cities to maintain work at two distinct settlements as it is in Birmingham, Ala.

The growth of the work is shown in the following table:

	1912.	Increase.
City Boards	35	4
District Boards	2	...
Institutions	31	...
Trained workers	83	6
Salaried workers	113	61
Volunteer workers	637	243
Day nurseries	9	1
Children in nurseries	781	377
Kindergartens	14	2
Kindergarten children	660	11

Organized City Mission Work Conducted by the Woman's Missionary Council and through City Mission Boards.

LOCATION.	CHARACTER OF WORK.	HEAD REVERENT.	Trained Workers.	Salaried Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Children in Day Nursery.	Children in Kindergarten.	Number Enrolled in Industrial Schools.	Students in Night Schools.	Number of Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Number of Persons Attending Free Reading Rooms.	Number of Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	No. of Young Women Enrolled in Clubs.	Number Enrolled in Mothers' Clubs.	Story Hour.	Number of Patients Treated in Clinics.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Meetings Conducted.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Garments Given.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Current Expenses.	
Asterville, N. C.	District Visiting.	Miss Susie Belle Jeter.	1	1	12			20			30	14		40			352	63	63	180	84	70		
Atlanta, Ala.	District Visiting.	Miss Daisy Durham.	1	1							432						432		4		38			
Atlanta, Ga.	Wesley House.	Miss Mary E. Daniel.	6	6	60	387	30	187	346	44	904	109		100		2,168	3,819	3,480	44	100	38	1,650	6,277	
Augusta, Ga.	Wesley House.	Miss Grace Jackson.	9	9	9	32	33	27	40	23	25	12		35		658	658			100	452	1,182	2,742	
Augusta, Ga.	Negro Extension.	Miss M. De Bardeleben.	2	2			23	29		18	18			4		25	597	255		53	60			
Baltimore, Md.	District Visiting.	Miss De E. Bardeleben.	1	1	19	23	72	106	23	30	95	4		27		1,781	1,781		17	412			301	
Birmingham, Ala.	Wesley House.	Miss Florida Dewar.	4	4	9		48	63				22	20			5	557	557	14				2,645	
Birmingham, Ala.	Wesley House.	Miss Dottie Lum.	1	2					105								450	221		200		62		
Bloomington, Ind.	District Visiting.	Miss Myrtle Long.	1	2	8						300	32					529				49			
Dallas, Tex.	Wesley House.	Miss Lillie Black.	1	2		15		54		12	300						1,246		50		49			
Danville, Va.	Wesley Chapel.	Miss Rhoda Dracoo.	1	1	10		40	25		25	1,680			40		96	600	1,200	96	70	48	610	3,692	
Durham, N. C.	District Visiting.	Miss Mary Frankland.	1	1	1			54								143	602	160	4		25	22		
Fort Worth, Tex.	District Visiting.	Miss Alberta Graham.	1	1	1			67									551							
Houston, Tex.	Cooperative Home.	Miss Eugenia Smith.	1	1	1												1,724		85	218	380	1,900	384	
Houston, Tex.	District Visiting.	Miss May Ora Durham.	2	1	12												95	900	26	6	6		2,239	
Jackson, Tenn.	District Visiting.	Miss Nell Wynn.																						
Jackson, Tenn.	Cooperative Home.	Miss Mae Shelton.	4	16	103	104	51	282		138	58	60	24	32		850	3,498	6,615	13	240	1,021		8,073	
Kansas City, Mo.	Institutional Church.	Miss Eva Waddell.	2	2	4			45	16								884	200	14	100			366	
Knoxville, Tenn.	Wesley House.	Miss Corinne Pagan.	1	1				10													2	215		
Lead Belt, Mo.	District Visiting.	Miss Frances Scott.	1	1	28						27										124	48	705	
Lexington, Ky.	Cooperative Home.	Miss Maria Elliott.	3	4		11											132		55		2	215		
Los Angeles, Cal.	Hospital and Clinic.	Miss Maria Elliott.	8	4				185		146	900	46				158	1,103	1,234	189	15	314	524	787	
Louisville, Ky.	Wesley House.	Miss Ellen Ganey.	4	4	124			138	154	65						1,059	3,223	1,478			175	77	2,225	
Louisville, Ky.	Wesley House.	Miss Martha Duffree.	2	2												129	1,199		36	115			3,038	
Macon, Ga.	Door of Hope.	Mrs. F. M. Knowles.	2	2	18		23	99		36		24				1,059	1,075		15		500	2,000	3,543	
Memphis, Tenn.	Wesley House.	Miss M. Cunningham.	1	2	8			66	45								1,270		32		258	702	2,192	
Meridian, Miss.	Wesley House.	Miss Mollie Monahan.	2	2												13	220		82					
Mobile, Ala.	Institutional Church.	Miss Dora Hoover.	2	2	36		53	28	34	19	245	13		39		679	715	15	180	244	190			
Mobile, Ala.	Wesley House.	Miss Dora Hoover.	3	3	36		45	89		11		21		45		1,804	4,567	4,801	83	120	201	3,428	1,589	
Nashville, Tenn.	Wesley House.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	3	8	27		45	311	84	50	500					958	264		13		201	3,428	1,589	
New Orleans, La.	St. Mark's Hall.	Miss Margaret Ragan.	3	8	27		45	311	84	50	500					958	264		13		201	3,428	1,589	
New Orleans, La.	Mary Werten Mission.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	3	8	27		45	311	84	50	500					958	264		13		201	3,428	1,589	
Portsmouth, S. C.	District Visiting.	Miss Sarah Ragan.	1	1	10			25		7	30						681	13	8	65	55	400	800	
Portsmouth, S. C.	District Visiting.	Miss Nanette Hudson.	1	1	8			100									606	219	47		12	339	770	
Richmond, Va.	District Visiting.	Miss Hattie Sellers.	1	3													1,007				75	91	770	
San Antonio, Tex.	District Visiting.	Miss Ellen Bowden.	1	5				144									409		7		60	100		
St. Joseph, Mo.	Wesley House.	Miss Carolyn Smith.	1	2	9	71	40	103		30							279	40	30	15			1,400	
St. Louis, Mo.	Kingdom House.	Miss Helen Gibson.	5	17	55	117	70	135		4	290	137		12		1,583	4,801	4,801	50	385			7,688	
Spartanburg, S. C.	Wesley House.	Miss Edith Leighty.	2	22				84		50							537	919		34			7,688	
Tampa, Fla.	Institutional Church.	Mrs. W. F. Alexander.	3	4	22		63			22		73				35	950	188	19		146		1,284	
Tampa, Fla.	Visiting Deaconess.	Miss Elizabeth Cox.	1	1	1			52									160		8		8			
Thurber, Tex.	Wesley House.	Miss Mary Wood.	1	1			30									2,041			19				1,719	
Waco, Tex.	Cooperative Home.	Miss Ethel Jackson.	1	1	31			103		72							641		19		125	1,500		
Waco, Tex.	Wesley House.	Miss F. Blackwell.	1	1																321				
Total.			637	781	637	781	630	2,628	1,042	994	20,457	605	334	638	714	10,320	44,698	27,140	1,407	3,184	4,750	15,432	\$40,100	77

	1912.	Increase.
Industrial schools	58	10
Night schools	15	1
Students	1,042	22
Boys' clubs	25	6
Boys enrolled	994	144
Persons attending free reading rooms	10,320	3
Girls' clubs	16	...
Girls enrolled	605	86
Young women's clubs	11	...
Members enrolled	334	...
Mothers' clubs	16	...
Women enrolled	638	...
Dispensaries	14	1
Patients	10,320	...
Visits made	44,698	...
Visits received	27	...
Cost of maintenance, \$59,677.45.		

INDIAN WORK.

The Indian work of the Foreign Department passed to the Home Department at the close of the September quarter. Miss Maud Welch has kindly consented to carry forward this work until some change of methods may be introduced. She has been engaged in evangelistic work, with fine results. We report for only two months' work.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Through Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and Miss Estelle Haskin, teacher of religious and social service at the Methodist Training School, our work in religious and social betterment has been made worth while to Church and society. Ten years of this consecutive work enables these instructors to see fruit to their labor in the awakening which has come to the whole South as to its moral and social responsibility. They bring to us eight deaconesses and four missionaries this year, who give promise of usefulness. The development of the training department for workers among negroes at the Methodist Training School has been on the heart of Miss Haskin for years. Success has at last attended her effort. The need of sufficient funds is the only obstacle now to a full development of a training which will carry this work forward to larger usefulness.

DEACONESS WORK.

There has been a smaller proportion of women preparing for deaconess work this year than for many years. Eight have been in training on scholarships at Scarritt Bible and Training School and three at

the Methodist Training School, at a cost of \$1,319.10 to the Church. It is ten years since the consecration of the first deaconesses in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In that time 100 have been consecrated; and it is interesting to note that in this time 4 have died, 8 have married, 9 have retired for health or personal reasons, and 6 are on the waiting list for family or health reasons. The remainder are actively at work. Fifteen women have been engaged as Church deaconesses this year. They report 16,334 visits made to homes of the needy or suffering, 1,745 visits received from those who were seeking their help, 336 induced to attend church, while they have addressed or conducted 490 meetings.

There have been many calls for deaconesses, more than in any year since the creation of the office of deaconess in the Church. Calls from cotton mill communities predominate. We could locate this year, if they were available, in addition to the workers already employed, 15 in negro work, 25 trained nurses, 25 domestic science teachers, 25 superintendents of boys' clubs, 10 kindergartners, 10 day nursery matrons, 25 house mothers, 25 travelers' aids, and 20 Church deaconesses.

LITERATURE.

The following figures report the cost of the literature used for the Home Department and the expense of distributing the same:

Leaflets	\$1,811 95
Expressage of same to Conference and District Secretaries and to the Vice Presidents of the Conferences	636 63
Office supplies	83 75
Special orders for the Council.....	19 50
Council matter (printed matter for the Council meeting, Secretary's reports, etc.)	392 00
Telephone for office	24 00
Wolff Record Book	1,025 00
Janitor	72 00
Bulletins	178 00
Merchandise (paper, twine, etc.).....	11 75
Annual reports	1,185 25
Yearbook	125 25
Catalogues	52 50
"Helps for Missionary Societies"	360 00
"Why and How"	244 75
Total	\$6,217 85

The sales from much of this material last year netted \$2,355.62, which has been turned over to the Council treasury. The Wolff Record Book is self-sustaining, and that portion of the bill was met from the Wolff

Co-operative Homes.

LOCATION.	DEACONES.	No. Trained Workers.	No. Sanitized Workers.	Total Number of Girls Cared for.	Number of New Girls Admitted During Year.	Number Given Temporary Shelter.	Number Aided in Securing Positions.	Number of Visits to Stores, Etc., in Interest of Work.	Capacity of Home.	Amount Collected for Board.	Amount Paid for Current Expenses.	Balance.	Debit.
Houston, Tex.....	Miss M. O. Durham.	8	5	162	102	12	51	60	75	\$1,307 00	\$1,845 20	.....	\$119 00
Jackson, Tenn.....	Miss Ethel Jackson..	1	1	50	25	10	4	15	22	3,168 05	3,140 81	\$29 24	.....
Waco, Tex.....	Miss Frances Scott..	1	1	114	.....	25	13	32	10	1,269 92	686 08	63 68	.....
Lexington .....	.....	1	2	22	22	26	38	107	135	\$5,744 87	\$5,672 09	\$92 92	\$119 00
Total .....	.....	5	9	348	149	73	106	107	135	.....	.....	.....	.....

Travelers' Aid.

LOCATION.	DEACONES.	Girls and Young Women Assisted.	Girls Placed in Care of Conductors.	Persons Aided in Finding Friends.	Persons Directed to Hotels or Lodgings.	Persons Accompanied to Hotels.	Lodgings Found.	Meals Furnished.	Sick Assisted.	Aided in Transportation.	Number of Elderly Women Aided.	Total Number Assisted.
Albany, Ga.....	Miss Elizabeth Hughes.....	384	18	19	103	83	57	96	19	10	144	1,142
Mobile, Ala.....	Miss Adeline Peeples.....	137	89	89	154	.....	.....	15	37	6	13	208
Montgomery, Ala.....	Miss Laura Harris.....	158	13	15	375	.....	.....	46	46	4	121	1,293
San Antonio, Tex.....	Mrs. Almada Hewitt.....	300	5	15	768	6	4	4	35	8	.....	2,556
Total .....	.....	979	36	123	1,401	89	61	115	137	28	278	5,199

Record Account, thus reducing the actual expenditure of the Council for literature.

The *Bulletin* has been issued jointly with the Foreign Department since the last session of the Council. The Superintendent of the Press Bureau has striven to adjust this part of her Bureau work by readjusting the *Bulletin* mailing lists. The Home Department now sends out 5,000 copies. The cost for printing the same has been \$303—a little more than \$25 per month.

The Conference Secretaries report 25,455 subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* and 2,202 to the *Young Christian Worker*. We are handicapped in interpreting this report, as who can say if all of these subscribers are from the Home Department only? The *Voice* is not yet self-sustaining, and the portion of the deficit which fell to the Home Department to pay was \$1,268.38. The cost to this department for getting out both periodicals was \$3,468.

The study course books, as determined by the Interdenominational Committee for Home Missions, for the ensuing year will be: "The New America," by Mrs. L. C. Barnes; subject, "Immigration." "America God's Melting Pot," by Mrs. L. G. Craig; a parable study showing the ingredients of "the pot" and the process of amalgamation. "Comrades of Other Lands," by Mrs. A. W. Dimmick (Lelia Allen); the book for Juniors, dealing with immigrant children outside of the cities.

GIFTS.

Large gifts have come to us this year through loving remembrance of our friends. Two years ago Maj. J. B. Toberman, Los Angeles, Cal., left a legacy of \$20,000 to the Woman's Home Mission Society to be used for medical work among the poor through the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home. The executors have paid \$13,000 of this amount.

Four annuity gifts have come to the treasury this year: \$2,000 from a friend in Kentucky, \$2,000 from an active worker in Texas, \$500 from a good old friend and supporter in the North Alabama Conference, and \$500 from a friend in the Baltimore Conference. These gifts mean not only the material help that has come to the work through their investment, but the good will that stands back of them is an abiding inspiration to those to whom the development of the woman's work has been committed.

A special gift from North Carolina of \$500 for furnishing Brevard Institute marks also individual interest in individual enterprises.

A friend who is always helpful to the work by generous gifts has donated a cottage on the Gulf Coast to be used as a rest home for our weary workers in winter and as a place for summer outings for weary mothers and little children from the crowded centers at New Orleans. "Come apart and rest awhile" means much to these burdened souls, and this use of God's money for the physical care of his little ones is a loving expression of his mind. For all of these gifts we are grateful.

Report of Church Deaconesses.

CHARGE.	CONFERENCE.	DEACONESSES.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Persons Induced to Come to Church.	Persons Professing Conversion.	Meetings Addressed.	Bibles Distributed.	Tracts and Papers Distributed.	Value of Food, Fuel, and Garments Given.	Number of Hours Spent in Office Daily.	Persons Reached through Industrial Schools and Clubs.	Persons Reached through Night Schools and Boys' Clubs.
Beaumont, Tex.....		Miss Bessie Wilhoit.....	828	222	.....	.....	55	.....	127	\$ 19 15	.....	.....	.....
Birmingham (First Church).....		Miss Alice Jones.....	1,441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	45	.....
Bristol, Tenn. (State St.).....		Miss Berta Thomas.....	922	119	.....	10	78	.....	90	132 61	.....	.....	.....
Chattanooga (Centenary).....		Miss Emma Burton.....	1,283	311	.....	22	12	.....	500	634 43	3	.....	.....
Clifton, S. C.....		Miss Alice Sheldar.....	300	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	30 20	.....	.....	.....
Coolemeec, N. C.....		Miss Josephine Guffin.....	899	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	75
Crossett, Ark.....		Miss Willena Henry.....	773	21	23	6	32	31	30	109 00	.....	.....	.....
Fort Worth & New Orleans.....		Miss Ida Stevens.....	1,385	104	.....	.....	32	3	208	116 58	1	.....	.....
Greenwood, S. C.....		Miss Grace Hemenway.....	470	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	46
Houma, La.....		Miss Eliza Hes.....	268	30	10	16	14	7	.....	28 00	.....	9	.....
Memphis (First Church).....		Miss Cornelia Godbey.....	2,777	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	341 65	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis (Centenary).....		Miss Mabel Kennedy.....	1,304	816	300	55	45	111	500	185 00	3	.....	.....
St. Louis (Centenary).....		Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....	1,029	40	.....	.....	16	.....	25	51 00	.....	10	.....
St. Louis (St. John's).....		Miss Mary E. Smith.....	663	57	3	2	76	.....	60	8 00	.....	.....	.....
Spray, S. C.....		Miss Addie Patillo.....	1,792	.....	.....	.....	40	3	35	8 00	.....	78	78
Total.....			16,334	1,745	336	89	490	177	1,668	\$1,663 62	.....	8	208

OUR NEEDS.

The pressure for money sufficient to carry on the work already inaugurated and the growing demand for opening new enterprises make us realize that money is a factor in God's hands for the development and salvation of his people. Estimates submitted from the fields for the maintenance of the work already inaugurated exceed the basis of appropriation by \$30,000. These estimates do not include the launching of new work or the erection of necessary buildings. Where shall we draw in our nets, or at what point shall we close the work? These are the questions we pass on to the women of Southern Methodism. We clearly need to collect \$100,000 in 1913 in excess of the collection for 1912. "Three hundred thousand dollars for the connectional work of the Home Department" must be the slogan this year. Let every auxiliary hear the cry, and by definite plan and determined energy raise this money. Let every auxiliary write across its walls in letters bold and strong: "My Lord needs \$300,000 this year for HIS—OUR Home Department work."

We need to bring a larger number of women into this work. In the three years since the General Conference the adult membership has increased but 3,356, a trifle more than a thousand a year. Who that gives of her time, strength, and money to this work will not declare that it has led her into "a large place," a larger, richer, happier life? "A definite effort for enlisting every woman in the Church in this work for women" should be the watchword of every auxiliary.

For two years there has been a decreasing number of women offering for home mission work. This decreasing number, set side by side with increasing demand, leads to serious questioning. We pass this message to the young womanhood of the Church. Working "together WITH him, we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." We have the promise of power not our own, and it is the realization of this power that we most need as workers in the kingdom of God. This power covers all our needs, for it makes possible the working with him in the increase of money, members, and workers. It also makes possible the building up of weak places, because we work not only WITH him, but WITH each other and WITH those whom we would lead into all the fullness of the liberty of a child of God.

The slogan, then, of the Home Department for 1913 shall be: "\$300,000 and an every-member canvass of women for membership."

The watchword: "WITH."

Auditor's Report.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 24, 1913.

I have examined the office expense account of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Secretary, and find the same correct as per statement set out in her book of expense.

J. D. HAMILTON.

Report of Conference Secretaries.

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young Members.	Junior Divisions.	Junior Members.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Names Added to Baby Division.	Subscribers to the Missionary Voice.	Enrolled in Study Classes.	Using Leathern Rules, Prayers, and Secular Press.	Pledged to Christian Stewardship.	Boxes of Supplies Sent Off and Reported to Bureau.	Deceased Scholars.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Auxiliaries Observing Week of Prayer.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Correctional and Reformatory Institutions.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held.	Garments in Distribution.	Auxiliaries Represented in City Mission Boards.
Alabama.....	90	2,440	18	378	28	722	3,540	...	200	988	54	520	86	286	59	28,582	58	74	49	14	90	17
Arkansas.....	57	1,214	15	151	12	424	1,789	...	169	602	198	123	186	186	25	5,309	25	57	6	15	57	9
Baltimore.....	91	1,749	284	284	10	346	2,979	...	572	1,602	1,824	46	81	827	7	10,286	84	150	50	160	97	17
Central Texas.....	185	4,378	37	434	100	1,663	6,475	...	...	...	...	33	15	50	1	1,905	9	15	15	1	11	...
Columbia.....	16	283	...	1	16	239	...	...	24	92	1	33	11	40	...	3,037	5	11	7	5	11	...
Denver.....	11	251	3	40	3	68	357	...	...	58	19	17	19	102	20	1,260	8	17	2	17	17	4
East Columbia.....	17	253	3	35	...	288	...	...	...	517	255	119	102	20	...	1,36	42	136	252	137	126	...
East Oklahoma.....	126	2,793	4	123	26	189	3,045	...	1	763	250	130	287	11	...	8,072	...	6,810	17	189	3,237	...
Florida.....	130	2,109	8	217	26	711	1,037	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
German Mission.	127	3,017	20	444	...	866	4,317	...	435	576	163	381	127	670	57	...	68	...	...	...	...	...
Holston.....	60	1,189	19	269	27	506	2,014	...	84	734	125	240	63	167	12	...	63	...	...	...	...	4
Illinois.....	18	2,200	18	155	21	708	3,061	...	38	958	7	344	47	371	2	3,378	59	85	3	59	50	...
Kentucky.....	81	2,592	1	...	...	73	...	...	42	293	45	223	26	152	...	2,780	16	26	12	...	...	10
Little Rock.....	26	542	1	...	...	43	...	...	255	495	9	660	39	147	1	6,379	19	40	14	22	42	9
Los Angeles.....	73	1,787	23	191	13	327	2,305	...	2	...	47	101	65	233	19	...	33	11,461	36	44	350	10
Louisiana.....	65	1,489	23	248	24	423	2,176	...	69	1,131	221	160	178	20	2	3,200	9	8,544	151	174	2,546	5
Louisville.....	178	4,236	35	646	52	882	5,764	...	...	...	100	436	116	128	24	6,045	27	8,544	151	174	2,546	18
Memphis.....	116	2,108	13	271	16	133	2,672	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Mississippi.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri.....	8	187	...	...	...	...	187	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Montana.....	39	580	3	73	...	6	659	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico.....	123	3,056	29	542	35	851	4,449	...	1	1,020	...	11	39	405	28	2,627	12	11	3	3	9	23
North Alabama.....	90	2,400	21	492	45	1,089	3,981	...	125	502	79	300	62	134	40	6,176	65	80	1	35	30	...
North Carolina.....	244	7,010	88	1,477	90	3,028	11,515	...	770	2,064	392	865	129	665	171	33,299	118	21,910	780	265	9,509	18
North Georgia.....	67	1,842	41	51	13	355	2,250	...	48	630	...	130	107	107	...	1,274	20	67	67	67	807	9
North Mississippi.....	166	3,629	12	223	22	730	4,382	...	159	1,601	130	630	166	852	38	5,911	51	100	1	...	...	...
North Texas.....	142	2,886	8	298	18	281	3,465	...	113	1,020	51	74	40	114	17	5,839	15	4,320	...	...	2,175	4
Northwest Texas.....	55	999	2	30	4	63	1,092	...	15	285	...	...	...	...	...	2,067	38	78	2	4	57	...
Pacific.....	95	2,143	11	239	26	694	3,105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina.....	150	3,002	32	663	...	...	3,665	...	6	660	...	...	...	...	...	...	96	74	32	64	72	8
South Georgia.....	93	2,937	23	423	27	601	3,560	...	1	670	200	44	90	357	3	11,621	38	70	83	88	486	5
Southwest Missouri.....	70	1,925	11	323	10	314	2,562	...	251	417	107	55	238	104	...	97	46	86	...	...	...	22
St. Louis.....	124	2,943	43	708	67	1,221	4,994	...	739	1,069	117	663	104	217	44	15,391	91	24,231	13	362	5,259	10
Tennessee.....	175	3,663	37	208	15	633	4,924	...	797	1,261	28	666	115	1,032	82	2,646	48	48	...	...	...	29
Texas.....	44	1,623	31	909	21	530	3,052	...	50	532	93	31	79	112	34	2,646	41	38	...	...	...	...
Virginia.....	64	1,623	31	909	21	530	3,052	...	62	563	16	30	92	175	20	16,725	50	115	18	40	60	9
West Oklahoma.....	92	1,762	13	201	17	467	2,989	...	1	1,104	188	1,025	132	242	46	10,725	30	45	25	25	2	...
West Texas.....	132	3,162	13	130	...	260	3,573	...	47	982	...	...	...	...	...	917	10	27	...	...	...	...
Western North Carolina.....	64	1,567	53	256	6	131	1,964	...	1	154	202	308	32	46	3	275	...	...	...	...	...	...
Western Virginia.....	32	640	6	70	...	...	1,349	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
White River.....	55	720	10	244	17	385	1,349	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	3,508	80,324	664	11,613	776	19,054	111,591	223	6,739	25,549	2,263	12,089	2,647	10,064	1,268	5,199,780	1,443	98,558	1,604	1,814	80,730	260

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METH-
ODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1913.

I. PARSONAGE GENERAL FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations to Parsonages.

Los Angeles Conference:	
Safford, Ariz.	\$200 00

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 31, 1912	\$693 22
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Cr.

Donations to parsonages	\$200 00
Balance on hand March 31, 1913	493 22—\$693 22

II. PARSONAGE CONFERENCE SOCIETY FUNDS.

Receipts.

From Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer	\$1,863 03
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Disbursements.

Arkansas Conference:	
Beech Grove, Ark.	\$100 00
Belleville, Ark.	75 00
Osage, Ark.	75 00
Conway Mission, Conway, Ark.	150 00
Clinton, Ark.	100 00—\$ 500 00
Baltimore Conference:	
Trinity, Cumberland, Md.	100 00
East Oklahoma Conference:	
Weleetka, Okla.	200 00
Florida Conference:	
Palatka, Fla.	\$ 75 00
St. Augustine, Fla.	250 00— 325 00
Holston Conference:	
Centenary, Knoxville, Tenn.	150 00
Little Rock Conference:	
Cedar Glades, Ark.	125 00
Louisiana Conference:	
Rayne, La.	200 00
Memphis Conference:	
South Fulton, Fulton, Tenn.	190 00
Mississippi Conference:	
Meadville, Miss.	\$100 00
Camden, Miss.	150 00— 250 00
Montana Conference:	
Deer Lodge, Mont.	100 00
New Mexico Conference:	
Marathon, Tex.	100 00
North Mississippi Conference:	
Sturgis, Miss.	250 00
South Carolina Conference:	
Grace, North Augusta, S. C.	200 00
Texas Conference:	
Keltys, Tex.	100 00
West Oklahoma Conference:	
Leedey, Okla.	200 00
West Texas Conference:	
University, Austin, Tex.	135 00
White River Conference:	
Batesville District, Batesville, Ark.	50 00
Total	\$3,175 00

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 31, 1912	\$2,975 00	
Receipts during year ending March 31, 1913	1,863 03	—\$4,838 03

Cr.

Donations to parsonages	\$3,175 00	
Balance on hand March 31, 1913	1,663 03	—\$4,838 03

III. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Receipts.

Collections on Loans:		
Woman's Missionary Council, interest	\$ 45 54	
Japanese School, Alameda, Cal., interest	199 41	
Woman's Missionary Council, interest	45 54	
Total interest collected on loans	\$290 49	

Disbursements.

Expense against Interest:		
Interest paid to annuitants	\$385 00	

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand March 31, 1912	\$422 63	
Interest collected on loans	290 49	—\$713 12

Cr.

Expenses against interest	\$385 00	
Balance on hand March 31, 1913	328 12	—\$713 12

EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Educational Endowment and City Mission Fund	\$8,398 58	
Ethel Smith Educational Endowment Fund	400 00	
Warren Rogers Educational Endowment Fund	1,000 00	
Total capital	\$9,798 58	

Record of the Woman's Home Mission Society, 1886-1910.

YEAR.	Adult and Young People Members.	Brigade Members.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Value of Supplies Sent through Department.	Number of Schools Maintained.	Number of City Hearers.	Missionaries. Deaconesses Consecrated.	Parsonages Helped.	Money Expended on Building Parsonages.	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1886-87..	1,595									\$ 261 55	
1887-88..	3,529							23	\$ 2,123 69	\$ 3,837 51	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89..	5,821							37	9,447 87	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90..	7,216							40	5,183 01	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91..	7,001							61	3,799 00	4,361 48	6,144 16
1891-92..	10,245							55	8,071 55	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93..	11,373			2,122				56	6,908 93	4,623 20	23,824 69
1893-94..	11,152			2,500		2	12	53	8,072 62	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95..	12,070					2	33	60	6,275 26	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96..	16,246		3,746	\$ 3,115 82	3	6	6	110	5,387 13	19,301 72	32,825 33
1896-97..	17,745		5,022	5,431 83	5	5	5	140	13,361 81	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98..	19,518		4,558	4,197 90	6	5	5	161	13,920 02	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99..	21,470		5,275	4,581 16	7	8	6	192	13,638 04	31,566 82	34,180 55
1899-1900	23,351		5,919	5,781 83	10	8	8	55	8,493 10	89,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01..	24,712		5,521	9,289 57	8	12	14	102	11,432 46	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02..	29,034		6,587	8,136 54	11	12	10	138	15,274 00	50,383 39	97,129 75
1902-03..	31,414		8,188	14,309 11	11	12	10	112	11,103 17	56,754 93	32,163 11
1903-04..	37,089		9,267	19,339 18	12	17	13	150	13,122 96	70,525 21	122,164 32
1904-05..	40,358	2,942	10,016	22,333 66	13	24	22	162	14,679 49	94,159 95	160,115 56
1905-06..	43,908	3,610	11,964	24,213 04	15	23	14	152	16,002 99	101,563 31	190,245 72
1906-07..	50,381	3,452	13,303	25,849 23	15	18	19	182	18,255 27	123,281 92	205,287 03
1907-08..	61,035	11,302	15,889	24,518 37	14	24	17	171	19,932 22	147,909 62	270,433 60
1908-09..	69,029	17,319	19,823	35,025 74	13	24	23	197	25,807 78	167,818 50	283,428 44
1909-10..	76,464	15,998	23,175	39,112 08	12	28	21	197	24,225 00	182,569 87	325,726 93
1910-11..	80,305	20,858	23,176	39,172 06	11	30	20	180	24,447 00	206,512 45	389,376 71
Total.....				\$284,407 12			89	2,786	\$293,969 37	\$1,425,226 99	\$2,434,951 97

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Wolf Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 6,700 00
West Tampa, Fla.....	1,300 00
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.....	11,900 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	50,575 00
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.....	30,000 00
Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	80,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	7,000 00
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	12,000 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	75,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	16,000 00
Total.....	\$290,475 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Number.	CONFERENCE.	DUES.							PLEDGE.				MITE.	
		Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Honorary Members.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Adult.	Young People.
1	Alabama.....	\$ 2,087 27	\$ 102 05	\$ 16 34	\$ 38 15	\$ 1 85	\$ 5 00		\$ 1,105 99				\$ 32 29	
2	Arkansas.....	1,136 20	14 98	31 12	5 12				592 90	\$ 9 81	\$ 31 47		65	
3	Baltimore.....	1,381 73	65 27	11 61	30 91		75 00		231 39	39 00			11 26	
4	Cent. Texas..	4,209 28	86 39	139 74	82 04	75			2,493 46				4 80	
5	Columbia.....	247 55		4 87	75				19 35					
6	Denver.....	214 95	2 70		1 00				8 10				80	
7	E. Columbia..	260 35	21 20		2 25									
8	E. Oklahoma..	2,007 75	3 00	40	24 00				426 20				15 07	
9	Florida.....	2,670 89	26 21	48 41	16 20				729 83		13 67		1 70	
10	Ger. Mission	35 50												
11	Holston.....	2,877 39	60 62		54 25				707 49					
12	Illinois.....	41 30							13 80					
13	Kentucky.....	1,663 50	125 50	132 08	11 49				1,110 38	112 26	92 11	\$14 89		
14	Little Rock..	2,089 67	49 39	48 13	23 95				2,003 38	68 45	110 43		2 25	
15	Los Angeles..	669 09	16 80	9 83	4 41	15 00			30 20		6 09			
16	Louisiana.....	1,732 65	23 30	11 27	8 85	2 00	10 00		606 99					
17	Louisville.....	1,317 51	108 76	57 32	16 99			\$100 00	1,000 00				2 00	
18	Memphis.....	2,515 47	105 73	69 32	45 00				299 37					
19	Mississippi...	2,129 94	49 75	59 54	28 02	1 25			570 44	6 58			19 99	
20	Missouri.....	1,429 58	36 87	9 80	10 35				675 47				7 32	
21	Montana.....	213 73			75									
22	New Mexico..	620 81	6 68	5 00	6 49	50			23 35				8 27	
23	N. Alabama.....	2,613 44	87 03	62 67	34 35	1 75	25 00		1,443 13	49 25	13 40		1 05	\$2 56
24	N. Carolina..	2,367 15	163 35	101 49	21 51				1,107 28				13 66	
25	N. Georgia.....	3,914 27	136 38	240 57	27 58				2,102 98	69 64				
26	N. Mississippi	2,314 42		89 48	23 75				1,040 32				3 34	
27	N. Texas.....	3,535 91	51 00	23 69	26 62	2 30			1,271 55				3 00	
28	N. W. Texas..	2,464 04	8 92	34 47	15 51	50			1,094 30				2 40	
29	Pacific.....	1,191 20	4 20	2 47	8 45								2 25	
30	S. Carolina...	1,984 13	40 48	59 20	12 25				1,059 66	14 75				
31	S. Georgia.....	3,663 90	165 22	106 99	25 37	4 55	5 00		2,293 56	43 05	22 26		1 90	2 80
32	S. W. Missou..	2,285 08	97 20	37 05	35 20		25 00		681 99	3 68			5 38	
33	St. Louis.....	1,897 86	73 15	15 09	20 57	2 10	10 00		698 95	4 45	1 20		2 47	
34	Tennessee.....	2,569 80	333 65	148 57	90 71				1,571 97	83 51	13 34		9 04	
35	Texas.....	3,625 60	79 15	28 23	39 02		91 80		2,068 65					
36	Virginia.....	1,698 11	276 69	29 95	10 70		70 00		326 89	6 50			11 85	
37	W. Okla.....	1,736 78	5 25	14 05	8 75		25 00		581 95	2 20	2 10		2 05	
38	West Texas..	3,082 45	81 47	11 24	18 54	2 00	25 00		948 40				4 65	
39	W. N. Caroli..	1,524 38	119 91	1 07	26 72		25 00		980 36					
40	W. Virginia..	686 20	28 10	34 92	7 58				172 55					
41	White River	1,035 15	18 35	10 65	10 12				419 63				9 04	
Total.....		\$75,651 98	\$2,524 70	\$1,700 66	\$874 27	\$34 55	\$391 80	\$100 00	\$32,511 96	\$512 93	\$306 07	\$14 89	\$178 48	\$5 36

HOME DEPARTMENT.

BOXES.		WEEK OF PRAYER.					SPECIALS.					Total.	City Mission Vouchers.	Number.
Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Deaconess Scholarship.	Scarritt Endowment.	Relief Fund.	Lucinda B. Helm Hall.	Endowment Fund.	Adult.	Young People.			
81 76	90 38	375 26	5 00		0 20	28 00	12 25	8 85	1 75	68 19		4,010 58	\$ 2,192 66	1
24 62	3 40	152 88				17 55	16 85		80	60 00		2,098 55		2
82 27	59 90	347 09	3 00		189 27	48 00	18 40	13 45	10 00	107 50		2,704 96	391 30	3
10 20	10 19	653 62	5 90	0 40	60	56 60	44 90	5 30		60		7,978 77	384 87	4
4 42	4 43	58 64				2 00		4 35		4 60		342 98		5
	5 69	22 00										359 66		6
		21 61										322 21		7
10 53	19 49	136 80	59			13 00	2 65	50		14 30		2,668 66		8
66 10	60 01	451 75			13 50	67 18	35 58	1 68	6 00	7 50		4,207 03		9
												40 50		10
78 99	161 44	420 32	48			50 25	41 15			5 00		4,466 88	366 91	11
										14 50		55 10		12
		512 78	4 80		83 85	98 75	69 48			62 95		4,034 82	723 12	13
75 41	61 48	274 93	5 35		100 00	55 20	17 50	5 00		38 00		4,978 52		14
3 90	15 73	137 95			5 35	9 00	20 80		2 50	3 20		939 85	787 75	15
20 93	7 65	271 42	85	7 14		5 50	39 02	7 67		604 00		3,359 24	960 00	16
30 83	11 43	238 36	5 00			23 95	10 00	515 35	2 30	77 75		3,512 55	2,295 87	17
7 24	46 48	224 74				30 60	21 00	70		11 77		3,277 55	3,543 23	18
32 31	28 85	335 78	1 10			62 95	28 85	7 54		36 95		3,399 84	1,868 97	19
14 88	15 48	243 95	25		12 50	4 00			5 54	51 00		2,516 99	1,301 71	20
		26 50				2 00						242 98		21
8 65	10 43	135 21			10 00							835 39		22
28 39	29 12	274 83	6 05		2 05	10 00	18 63		9 00	49 38		4,761 08	2,645 58	23
110 19	109 62	549 20	18 30	4 54	57 00	27 05	13 27	5 40	2 65	201 94		4,873 60		24
209 39	41 55	557 30	60 59	45		76 85	23 33		2 28	136 30		7,599 46	9,125 82	25
73 29	29 26	409 86				26 75	16 15	3 10		135 05		4,164 77		26
50 51	23 30	443 89			2 05	43 40	1 85	6 35	2 50	1,448 55		6,936 47	3,692 59	27
9 41	7 44	283 63	2 75		6 05	22 05	38 72	21 80	2 00	21 50		4,025 49		28
		116 35	70			9 70	2 55					1,349 88		29
130 73	29 99	224 98	5 07			57 95	35 98	7 12	5 00	31 00		3,878 29	1,284 38	30
85 05	71 80	554 41	4 13	11 94	11 25	68 03	83 60	23 06		122 80		7,370 67	3,038 17	31
22 27	29 76	312 21	17 38		9 55	64 15	60 40	5 26		340 71	28 95	4,061 22	8,073 39	32
17 67	30 91	244 12	5 50		216 70	102 95	38 50			8 23		3,390 42	7,685 10	33
107 61	55 00	275 22	10 00	1 70	186 55	33 75	58 82			72 16		5,521 20	1,587 70	34
85 53	35 12	747 59	18 20		1 10	79 20	99 60	11 60		1,001 81		8,012 20	2,269 75	35
68 66	38 54	231 34	34 49	1 11		50 75	10 25					2,869 19	3,276 92	36
7 76	14 30	230 19			2 00	66 10	2 50	5 50	3 45	4 50		2,712 23		37
24 34	23 60	398 34			230 58	69 16	61 34	2 65	5 25	730 00		5,680 51	460 25	38
	26 63	254 42	3 00		6 00	73 60	5 65	1 75	2 80	21 97		3,073 26	1,719 43	39
5 44	11 49	109 87				9 00	4 75		2 00	10 00		1,083 90		40
10 26	12 11	192 21		2 44	75		18 80		10 00	18 05		1,767 59		41
579 98	\$1,239 01	\$11,431 55	\$218 48	\$53 22	\$1,506 90	\$1,406 97	\$970 12	\$663 98	\$76 07	\$65,521 76	\$28 95	\$139,484 64	\$59,677 45	

OTHER SOURCES.

Annuities.....	\$ 5,000 00
Bequest: Homer Toberman.....	13,000 00
Literature.....	2,387 62
Property sold.....	4,865 00
Tuition—Brevard Institute.....	\$2,449 13
Ruth Hargrove Institute.....	2,100 46
Sue Bennett Memorial.....	5,850 00
West Tampa.....	176 50
West Tampa Night School.....	139 27
Wolff Mission.....	319 60
W. N. Carolina special to Brevard Inst.....	500 00
Sundries.....	5,189 20

Grand total.....\$181,461 42

SUMMARY.

Balance on hand from 1911	\$ 13,176 14
Amount received (see page 345)	181,461 42
Amount borrowed	73,950 00
Amount received that had to be refunded	6 98
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	\$268,594 54
Less disbursements as per statement	237,848 16
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Balance	\$ 30,746 38

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1912.

Annuity interest	\$ 522 17
City missions	4,722 90
Conference half dues (see list elsewhere)	25,499 93
Deaconesses' travel and expense	2,310 45
Expense of Supply Department	300 00
Expense of Workers' Conference (balance)	34 45
Forward Movement	2,273 04
Interest	2,751 40
Insurance	740 00
Methodist Training School (deaconess scholarships) ..	509 10
Notes paid off	76,700 00
Refunds	36 98
Scarritt Bible and Training School Endowment	1,406 97
Scarritt Bible and Training School (deaconess scholar- ships)	810 00
Sociology	1,846 65
Sundries	336 13
Wolff Record account (borrowed money paid back) ..	668 00

Schools and Homes:

Brevard Institute (salaries)	\$ 5,479 00
Gulf Coast work	8,675 71
Indian work (two months)	83 34
Pacific Coast work	8,395 00
Paine Annex (salaries)	1,535 04
Ruth Hargrove Institute	10,405 34
Sue Bennett Memorial	10,058 70
Vashti Home	7,176 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home	8,580 00
West Tampa	3,400 00
Wolff Mission	2,639 94—
	66,428 07

Buildings:

Brevard Institute	\$ 1,510 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute	1,204 34
Sue Bennett Memorial	6,000 00
Vashti Home	1,820 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home (note)	1,013 00—
	11,547 34

Incidentals:

Brevard Institute	\$ 2,950 00
Negro work	650 00
Pacific Coast	500 00
Paine Annex	590 72
Ruth Hargrove	2,600 00
Sue Bennett Memorial	6,600 00
Virginia K. Johnson	190 75
West Tampa	35 00
Wolff Mission	500 00—
	14,616 47

Specials:

Brevard Institute	\$ 973 41
Denton Dormitory	1,013 00
Immigrant Home	17 00
Negro work	916 62
Vashti Home	370 15
Virginia K. Johnson Home	1,286 93—
	4,577 11

Administration:

Auditing Treasurer's books	\$ 7 50	
Bond for Treasurer	25 00	
Bulletins	126 50	
Contingent	256 80	
Expense of Board meeting	174 96	
Expense of Council meeting	1,461 80	
Expense of mid-year meeting	35 02	
Literature (leaflets, Annual Report, etc.) ...	5,369 93	
Mite boxes	12 41	
Office expense (including travel)	3,654 57	
Salaries of officers	5,109 00	
Clerical help	1,618 13	
Missionary Voice (deficit)	1,268 38	
Young Christian Worker agent	100 00	—\$ 19,211 00
Total disbursements		\$237,848 16

CONFERENCE HALF DUES.

1912. ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

May 7.	Mrs. W. H. Thomas	\$217 07	
Sept. 25.	Mrs. J. A. Dumas, account of Wesley House....	200 00	—\$ 417 07

1912. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

May 30.	Dr. McMurry, account of Yellville	\$100 00	
	Osage	100 00	
May 31.	Mrs. W. E. Bennett	75 00	
July 10.	Dr. McMurry, account of Conway Mission	100 00	
Sept. 28.	Mrs. W. E. Bennett	50 00	
Dec. 30.	Dr. McMurry, account of Clinton	100 00	
	Mrs. W. E. Bennett	50 00	— 575 00

1912. BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Mar. 8.	Miss Annie Clements, Treasurer, account of City Missions	\$150 00	
May 17.	Miss Clements, Treasurer	185 87	
Oct. 18.	Miss Clements, account of City Missions.....	100 00	
Dec. 30.	Miss Clements, account of Conference	237 49	— 673 36

1912. CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

May 2.	Mrs. W. L. Perry, Treasurer	\$624 41	
Aug. 8.	Mrs. W. L. Perry, Treasurer, account of Thurber and Waco	465 00	
	Mrs. W. L. Perry, Treasurer, account of office..	14 58	
Oct. 23.	Mrs. W. L. Perry, account of Thurber and Waco.	404 17	
	Mrs. W. L. Perry, account of Thurber and Waco.	596 43	— 2,104 59

1912. COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Sept. 24.	Mrs. C. V. Ross		13 35
	(See Conference half dues transferred.)		

1912. EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

June 4.	Mrs. A. F. Compton		74 87
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1912. EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

July 10.	Dr. McMurry, account of Weleetka.....		200 00
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1912. FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Mar. 21.	Mrs. W. F. Alexander, account of Wesley House.	\$200 00	
Apr. 25.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll, Treasurer	100 00	
May 30.	Dr. McMurry, account of St. Augustine.....	250 00	
Aug. 1.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll, Treasurer	100 00	

1913.

Jan. 1.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll, Treasurer	125 00	— 775 00
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1912. HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

June 27.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Treasurer	\$150 00	
	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Treasurer	150 00	
	Mrs. Eugene Caldwell, Treasurer, account of City Missions, Knoxville	300 00	— 600 00

1912.		KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 15.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, for literature	\$ 25 00	
	Mrs. J. J. Dickey, for Council	50 00	
Oct. 18.	Mrs. W. H. Garnett, Treasurer, account of Lexington work	180 00—	\$ 255 00
1912.		LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 28.	Mrs. F. C. Floyd, Treasurer	\$288 58	
Apr. 3.	Dr. McMurry, account of Cedar Glade	125 00—	413 58
1912.		LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.	
Apr. 25.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature....		31 12
1912.		LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.	
Apr. 25.	Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer	\$150 00	
Aug. 13.	Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer	30 00	
Nov. 15.	Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer	90 00	
	Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Treasurer	100 00	
	Rev. R. H. Wynn, account of French work	274 79—	574 79
1912.		LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.	
May 16.	Mrs. H. A. Evans, Treasurer		300 00
1912.		MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 1.	Mrs. J. A. Gulley, account of City Missions, Meridian	\$ 25 00	
	Rev. W. T. Griffin, account of Biloxi	75 00	
	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature....	62 53	
	Mrs. J. K. Dunn, Treasurer	100 00	
May 6.	Mrs. J. A. Gulley	50 00	
	Rev. W. T. Griffin	25 00	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Meadville	100 00	
Sept. 5.	Mrs. J. A. Gulley, account of Meridian	75 00	
	Rev. W. T. Griffin, account of Biloxi	75 00	
Nov. 11.	Rev. W. T. Griffin, account of Biloxi	100 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Gulley, account of Meridian	100 00	
	Mrs. J. K. Dunn, Treasurer	50 00	
	Mrs. J. A. Gulley, account of Meridian	100 00	
	Rev. W. T. Griffin, account of Biloxi	100 00—	1,037 53
1912.		MISSOURI CONFERENCE.	
Apr. 25.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature....	\$ 64 16	
	Mrs. C. B. Clapp, Treasurer	200 00	
June 3.	Mrs. C. B. Clapp, Treasurer	150 00—	414 16
1912.		MONTANA CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 26.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature	\$ 5 20	
May 7.	Dr. McMurry, account of Deer Lodge	123 03	
Oct. 18.	Mrs. Aiken, Treasurer, account of Missoula	21 65—	154 88
1912.		NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.	
Nov. 12.	Dr. McMurry, account of Marathon	\$100 00	
	Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Treasurer	30 00—	130 00
1912.		NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 6.	Mrs. Cunningham Wilson, Treasurer	\$302 87	
May 31.	Mrs. Cunningham Wilson, Treasurer	315 60	
Dec. 13.	Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Treasurer, account of Ensley ..	150 00	
	Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Treasurer, account of Conference expense	50 00	
	Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Treasurer, account of Ensley ..	150 00	
	Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Treasurer	50 00—	1,018 47
1912.		NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 28.	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Treasurer	\$500 00	
	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, Treasurer	500 00—	1,000 00
1912.		NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.	
Sept. 19.	Mrs. R. J. Atkinson, Treasurer		1,500 00
1912.		NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.	
Aug. 16.	Mrs. W. W. Wilburn, Treasurer	\$300 00	
Aug. 5.	Mrs. W. W. Wilburn, Treasurer	200 00	
Sept. 23.	Miss Dunston, account of deaconess	50 00	
Nov. 12.	Mrs. W. W. Wilburn, account of Corinth	400 00—	950 00

1912. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 21.	Mrs. Frank Bennett, Treasurer	\$300 00	
Sept. 23.	Mrs. Frank Bennett, Treasurer	598 90	
Nov. 15.	Mrs. F. B. Carroll, account of Denton Dormitory.	400 00	
	Mrs. Frank Bennett, Treasurer	21 48	
	Mrs. Frank Bennett, Treasurer	447 58—	\$ 1,767 96

1912. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July 18.	Mrs. H. G. Towle, Treasurer	\$342 70	
Sept. 25.	Mrs. F. B. Carroll, account of Denton Dormitory.	250 00	
	Mrs. J. D. Camp, Treasurer	24 71	
	Mrs. J. D. Camp, Treasurer	814 60—	1,432 01

1912. PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

May 7.	Mrs. E. O. Burks, Treasurer	\$169 50	
Sept. 25.	Mrs. E. O. Burks, Treasurer	130 93	
	Dr. McMurry, account of Hopland	140 00—	440 43

1912. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Apr. 25.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Treasurer	\$100 00	
Nov. 20.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Treasurer	100 00	
	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, account of Wesley House...	300 00	
	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Treasurer	200 00—	700 00

1912. SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Aug. 15.	Mrs. John Streyer, account of Door of Hope	\$150 00	
	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Treasurer	200 00	
	Mrs. John Streyer, account of Door of Hope	150 00—	500 00

1912. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Mar. 6.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, account of literature....	\$ 73 02	
Aug. 15.	Mrs. Fred Lamb, Treasurer	812 00	
Oct. 23.	Mrs. Fred Lamb, Treasurer	245 22	
	Mrs. Fred Lamb, Treasurer	386 35—	1,517 59

1912. ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

Apr. 25.	Miss Sallie Baxter, Treasurer	\$354 95	
	Miss Sallie Baxter, Treasurer	200 00	
	Mrs. C. G. Carr, account of Flat River.....	300 00	
	Miss Sallie Baxter, account of Kingdom House..	300 00—	1,154 95

1912. TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

July 9.	Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Treasurer	\$100 00	
Sept. 26.	Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Treasurer	100 00—	200 00

1912. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Apr. 25.	Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer	\$700 00	
Oct. 1.	Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer	222 41—	922 41

1912. VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

May 18.	Mrs. Robert Winfree, Treasurer	\$794 42	
	Mrs. J. William West, Treasurer	300 00	
	Mrs. J. William West, Treasurer, account of Conference enterprise	549 06—	1,643 48

1912. WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Apr. 25.	Mrs. Joseph Rains, Treasurer	\$200 00	
June 1.	Mrs. Joseph Rains, Treasurer	100 00	
	For kitchen, Virginia K. Johnson Home	150 00	
Nov. 15.	Dr. McMurry, account of Leedy	200 00	
	Mrs. Joseph Rains, Treasurer	50 00—	700 00

1912. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Sept. 25.	Mrs. F. B. Carroll, account of Denton Dormitory.	\$300 00	
Nov. 12.	Dr. McMurry, account of University Church, Austin	135 00	
	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Treasurer, Scarritt, account of endowment	200 00—	635 00

1912. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Sept. 20.	Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer, Brevard Institute.	\$100 00	
Sept. 23.	Mrs. R. L. Hoke, Treasurer	195 63	
	Mrs. R. L. Hoke, Treasurer	182 66—	478 29

1912.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

Aug. 7. Mrs. J. O. Blakeney, Treasurer	\$ 195 04
Total amount paid in cash	\$25,499 93
Amount transferred	9,451 18

Total paid, account of Conference Half Dues.. \$34,951 11

CONFERENCE HALF DUES TRANSFERRED TO SCHOOLS, ETC.

Alabama Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		\$ 434 14
Columbia Conference:		
To scholarship	\$ 100 00	
To General Fund	10 43—	110 43
East Oklahoma Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute	\$ 160 00	
To Virginia K. Johnson Home	100 00	
To deaconess scholarship	90 00—	350 00
Florida Conference:		
To General Fund for kindergarten		400 00
Holston Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		150 00
Little Rock Conference:		
To Mae McKenzie endowed scholarship		500 00
Louisiana Conference:		
To General Fund for schools	\$ 274 80	
To General Fund for New Orleans	276 77—	551 57
Louisville Conference:		
To building at Sue Bennett		500 00
North Alabama Conference:		
To deaconess scholarship, account of Scarritt		180 00
North Carolina Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		1,425 04
North Georgia Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute	\$ 500 00	
To building at Paine Annex	500 00—	1,000 00
South Carolina Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		500 00
St. Louis Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		50 00
Tennessee Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute	\$ 300 00	
To building at Paine Annex	200 00	
To building at Wesley House, Nashville	1,100 00—	1,600 00
Texas Conference:		
To Immigrant Home, Galveston	\$ 300 00	
To building at Brevard Institute	300 00—	600 00
West Texas Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute	\$ 400 00	
To work at Laredo	400 00—	800 00
Western North Carolina Conference:		
To building at Brevard Institute		300 00
Total amount transferred		\$9,451 18

RECAPITULATION.

Brevard Institute	\$10,912 41	
Gulf Coast work	8,692 71	
Indian work	83 34	
Negro work	1,566 62	
Pacific Coast work	8,895 00	
Paine Annex	2,125 76	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	14,209 68	
Sue Bennett Memorial	22,653 70	
Vashti Home	9,366 15	
Virginia K. Johnson Home	11,070 68	
West Tampa	3,435 00	
Wolff Mission	3,139 94—	\$ 96,155 99
Notes	\$76,700 00	
Interest	2,751 40	
Specials	1,013 00	
Refunds	36 98	
Administration	19,211 00	
Conference half dues	25,499 93	
Sundries	16,479 86—	141,692 17
Total		\$237,848 16

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

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Cost of administration (see list)	\$19,211 00
Less amount received for literature	2,355 62
	\$16,855 38
Amount received	\$181,461 42
City missions	59,677 45
	\$241,138 87
Cost of administration, 6 9-10 per cent.	
Total cash collections for connectional work for 1912.	\$181,461 42
Reported by voucher	59,677 45
Expended for local work	\$241,138 87
Value of supplies	337,375 20
	43,822 78
Grand total	\$622,336 85

LOCAL WORK—HOME DEPARTMENT.

CONFERENCE.	Local Supplies.	Needy.	Parsonage.	Church Furnishing.	Specials.	Totals.
Alabama.....	\$ 853 46	\$ 1,058 85	\$ 2,088 74	\$ 1,835 68	\$ 435 73	\$ 6,222 46
Arkansas.....	431 95	726 46	1,050 39	1,114 78	117 49	3,441 07
Baltimore.....	927 58	368 60	2,952 45	3,455 29	955 76	8,659 68
Central Texas.....	1,825 57	2,415 40	5,469 05	5,756 63	1,745 80	17,212 45
Columbia.....	151 70	126 75	376 25	1,204 16	246 05	2,104 91
Denver.....	25 00	.....	308 05	282 60	77 02	692 67
East Columbia.....	183 02	33 20	282 50	169 56	177 15	795 43
East Oklahoma.....	924 00	808 50	2,473 50	2,867 60	638 94	7,712 54
Florida.....	1,453 21	929 91	3,017 75	3,104 24	105 59	8,610 70
Holston.....	1,160 20	1,129 03	1,835 94	4,183 64	2,281 77	10,590 58
Illinois.....	5 00	.....	31 58	41 35	70	78 63
Kentucky.....	749 50	667 75	1,216 49	1,018 64	228 22	3,880 60
Little Rock.....	1,646 39	1,171 13	2,523 26	4,176 68	906 21	10,428 67
Los Angeles.....	620 38	364 38	1,099 21	957 45	452 73	3,524 15
Louisiana.....	1,616 68	1,106 50	2,432 41	2,440 44	2,361 46	9,957 49
Louisville.....	1,461 37	255 23	1,218 26	2,107 15	1,199 69	6,241 80
Memphis (no local report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	1,471 29	721 76	2,688 84	1,633 26	1,552 94	8,068 09
Missouri.....	1,224 07	1,304 92	554 47	2,297 85	1,144 45	5,525 76
Montana.....	181 40	.....	505 01	335 95	107 70	1,080 06
New Mexico.....	403 45	424 85	2,675 69	1,635 98	533 46	5,673 43
North Alabama.....	1,916 17	1,353 29	4,781 95	7,054 14	2,044 34	17,149 89
North Carolina.....	2,020 65	1,159 78	2,008 85	3,865 96	670 86	9,726 10
North Georgia.....	5,539 17	278 12	3,526 43	4,172 26	2,540 18	16,056 11
North Mississippi.....	848 35	787 77	3,335 40	2,783 38	370 55	8,075 45
North Texas.....	3,234 25	2,437 73	5,171 77	4,243 36	4,774 15	19,861 26
Northwest Texas.....	1,767 46	464 45	3,835 35	4,682 82	294 25	11,044 33
Pacific.....	603 15	230 30	1,725 03	1,145 46	340 52	4,045 06
South Carolina.....	397 25	750 35	676 87	332 40	2,384 93	4,641 80
South Georgia.....	2,932 88	2,570 70	3,667 67	2,315 15	3,197 73	14,684 13
Southwest Missouri.....	1,221 66	969 77	2,522 48	4,105 69	2,876 28	11,695 88
St. Louis.....	1,716 75	1,143 35	2,059 39	5,370 95	1,902 38	12,192 82
Tennessee.....	2,333 39	1,722 21	1,081 70	2,129 14	1,764 63	8,981 07
Texas.....	3,363 61	2,400 98	12,145 49	5,695 03	3,887 85	27,492 96
Virginia.....	2,878 77	2,838 69	2,088 18	3,215 15	2,930 34	13,951 13
West Oklahoma.....	1,597 54	264 73	2,886 15	2,995 22	772 85	8,516 49
West Texas.....	2,017 58	1,515 20	5,321 21	4,659 71	623 10	14,136 80
Western N. Carolina.....	1,377 06	257 04	1,709 27	1,523 08	1,646 15	6,512 00
Western Virginia.....	560 57	221 20	1,086 85	3,387 85	255 49	5,411 66
White River.....	281 50	88 77	764 90	1,594 76	118 26	2,798 19
Total.....	\$52,822 98	\$34,017 75	\$95,000 38	\$105,840 44	\$48,693 65	\$337,375 20

RECEIPTS FOR 1912 FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Number.	CONFERENCE.	DUES.				PLEDGE.				BIBLE WOMEN.				SCHOLARSHIPS.				DAY SCHOOLS.				SCARLETT ENDOWMENT.	
		Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Mem- bers.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.
1	Alabama.....	\$ 2,016 05	104 52	\$ 88 20	\$ 17 08	\$ 25 00		\$ 1,637 57	98 71	\$ 30 79		300 00		\$ 676 00	200 00	40 00	\$ 100 00	40 00	40 00	\$ 56 62			
2	Arkansas.....	529 40	31 95	38 88	4 88			991 42	16 49	62 53		120 00		160 00	160 00	80 00		160 00	80 00		131 95		
3	Baltimore.....	2,889 09	347 97	143 48	48 55	105 00		1,270 76	500 00			180 00		280 00	280 00	80 00		280 00	80 00		60 55		
4	Cent. Texas.....	2,608 04	25 10	116 10	14 25			4,884 10	62 30	35 23		660 00		763 00	763 00	80 00		763 00	80 00		2 00		
5	Columbia.....	85 45						1 00				60 00			40 00								
6	Denver.....	25 40	1 45					5 63				60 00			100 00					11 00			
7	E. Oklahoma.....	314 00		2 30				455 68	128 40	246 64		480 00		200 00	200 00	80 00		200 00	80 00		64 80		
8	Florida.....	1,608 00	77 31	91 75				3,339 76	80 65	147 23		60 00		80 00	80 00	40 00		80 00	40 00		45 28		
9	Houston.....	1,476 16	136 00	81 20	33 64			2,549 80	80 65	147 23		60 00		80 00	80 00	40 00		80 00	40 00		35 55		
10	Kentucky.....	1,984 89	125 65	132 73	11 56			2,199 84	101 84	322 02		120 00		40 00	40 00	55 00		40 00	55 00		35 11		
11	Little Rock.....	978 42	53 71	72 88		25 00		3,237 90	102 20	106 36		60 00		40 00	40 00	40 00		40 00	40 00		4 00		
12	Los Angeles.....	351 06	13 70	8 36	4 52			444 17				233 65		368 75	368 75	4 00		368 75	4 00		10 65		
13	Louisiana.....	672 77	25 50	16 27	2 00	25 00		1,307 24	7 39	8 73		300 00		1,000 00	1,000 00	65 75		1,000 00	65 75		65 75		
14	Louisville.....	2,339 60	120 65	144 65	5 75			3,304 64	118 11	83 93		686 00		1,000 00	1,000 00	40 00		1,000 00	40 00		85 55		
15	Memphis.....	2,231 44	109 18	77 02	24 54			3,523 04	123 75	88 35		840 00		2,520 00	2,520 00	44 75		2,520 00	44 75		44 75		
16	Mississippi.....	1,464 38	82 18	68 05	2 75			2,368 38	186 75	67 11		161 50		120 00	120 00	50 00		120 00	50 00		50 60		
17	Missouri.....	1,334 46	88 68	12 65	21 55			2,522 57	14 68	1 00		60 00		80 00	80 00	100 00		80 00	100 00		15 10		
18	New Mexico.....	184 45	21 01	6 07				1 00				180 00		320 00	320 00	40 00		320 00	40 00		92 98		
19	N. Alabama.....	1,122 15	66 75	116 44	5 82			3,243 96	95 97			270 00		400 44	400 44	279 56		400 44	279 56		122 10		
20	N. Carolina.....	2,537 93	421 35	770 68		20 00		7,492 39	1,081 41	1,141 57		1,528 50		462 30	462 30	45 10		462 30	45 10		256 20		
21	N. Georgia.....	5,246 15	365 60	673 30	49 08			7,821 98	382 43	733 72		340 00		505 00	505 00	80 00		505 00	80 00		29 40		
22	N. Missis. ppl.....	1,057 81	132 89	170 94	2 00			1,645 14	291 30	132 55		340 00		420 00	420 00	250 00		420 00	250 00		62 70		
23	North Texas.....	1,400 00	55 53	23 40	1 55			4,050 00	303 40	50 00		180 00		219 50	219 50	3 70		219 50	3 70		8 00		
24	N. W. Texas.....	1,891 31	17 56	9 83	13 97			1,014 38	2 50			300 00		300 00	300 00	180 00		300 00	180 00		94 95		
25	Pacific.....	477 60	5 45	4 19		25 00		465 80				360 00		605 00	605 00	40 00		605 00	40 00		137 10		
26	S. Carolina.....	5,063 16	217 81	702 36				9,482 80	615 24	67 71		495 00		200 00	200 00	40 00		200 00	40 00		56 50		
27	S. Georgia.....	4,253 28	332 08	404 42				14,807 82	1,009 88	672 62		588 35		1,085 40	1,085 40	314 30		1,085 40	314 30		83 88		
28	S. W. Missisou.....	1,899 28	181 91	93 81	8 34			3,473 05	119 14	73 07		121 30		126 40	126 40	50 00		126 40	50 00		10 25		
29	St. Louis.....	2,896 29	69 75	4 20				3,623 29	119 14	14 00		240 00		708 50	708 50	100 00		708 50	100 00		34 98		
30	Tennessee.....	2,835 55	189 25	199 67	86 34			3,000 99	161 91	58 50		121 00		257 30	257 30	80 00		257 30	80 00		168 23		
31	Texas.....	845 79	31 71	9 68	3 71			3,106 15	2 55	2 55		1,290 00		1,292 04	1,292 04	564 89		1,292 04	564 89		100 00		
32	Texas.....	6,206 00	1,038 98	84 11	2 63	470 50		4,586 50	512 56	10 51		2 00		200 00	200 00	80 00		200 00	80 00		19 00		
33	W. Oklahoma.....	345 45		56 95				2,656 15	15 08	44 05		250 00		200 00	200 00	40 00		200 00	40 00		51 70		
34	West Texas.....	1,280 45	35 35	58 94	3 90			7,250 75	1,071 38	767 75		555 00		440 00	440 00	40 00		440 00	40 00		22 45		
35	Western N. C.....	2,537 32	576 44	58 57	58 57			7,367 20	96 85	19 00		484 00		200 00	200 00	40 00		200 00	40 00		14 90		
36	Western Va.....	454 00	78 51	78 50	3 53			1,869 25	51 88	46 23		180 00											
37	White River.....	423 41	43 20	103 65																			
38	Mex. Mission.....	21 00																					
Total by Conf.		\$2,345 08	\$5,223 95	\$5,280 29	\$436 41	\$844 25	\$100 00	\$113,290 89	\$8,179 44	\$4,832 57	\$22 02	\$12,102 30	\$738 50	\$32 46	\$14,660 23	\$2,293 85	\$1,575 74	\$2,560 43	\$80 00	\$10 00	\$1,681 71	\$13 00	\$0 6
Other source																							
Total		\$62,345 08	\$5,223 95	\$5,280 29	\$436 41	\$844 25	\$100 00	\$113,290 89	\$8,179 44	\$4,832 57	\$22 02	\$12,102 30	\$738 50	\$32 46	\$14,736 40	\$2,293 85	\$1,575 74	\$2,560 43	\$80 00	\$10 00	\$1,681 71	\$13 00	\$0 6

CONFERENCE.	Searritt Scholarships.	Searritt Endowed Scholarships.	Jubilee.	Memorial Fund.	Thank Offering.	Rto.			RETIREMENT.			WEEK OF PRAYER.			MITE BOXES.				SPECIALS.			Number.
						Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Totals.			
Alabama.....		\$ 1,589 05	\$ 1 00	\$ 402 48	\$ 11 95			\$ 63 76		\$ 112 49		\$ 114 84		\$ 11 35	\$ 3 18	\$ 18 90			\$ 7,327 05	1		
Arkansas.....		35 00	3 00		1,465 33			16 45		238 45		164 75		4 35		30 30			2,204 13	2		
Baltimore.....		20 00	3 00		12 25			59 00		284 57		164 75		11 00	2 30	6 50			8,179 71	3		
Cent. Texas.....	\$180 00	115 80	8 00					2 35		27 46		11 17				96 40			9,065 85	4		
Columbia.....																		189 43	5			
Denver.....																		77 73	6			
E. Oklahoma.....					55 00			5 80		20 75		1 05				1 25			1,025 98	7		
Florida.....		92 25						86 69								15 00			6,701 35	8		
Holston.....		45 00	67 00	13 76				39 55		150 75		32 99		19 24	20 43	48 92			5,192 71	9		
Kentucky.....		26 00						92 61	\$ 0 50	175 81		471 90				73 75			5,726 22	10		
Little Rock.....		553 50		3 10				25 95		171 50	\$ 5 40			7 05		2 00			5,520 08	11		
Los Angeles.....								15 50		64 52		5 68		3 02		5 00			1,463 43	12		
Louisiana.....		996 15	10 00	3 45				28 03		150 12	85	7 14	4 94	13 47	3 62	87 00			4,340 32	13		
Louisville.....		26 00		5 80	4 50			66 15		200 90		200 90				17 53			8,208 47	14		
Memphis.....		844 25	15 00	56 91	75 00			51 43		142 09		24 34		4 35	35 18	7 00			10,859 42	15		
Mississippi.....					25 40			40 87		201 07						11 50			4,915 80	16		
Missouri.....		1 00		50 01	35 00			42 94		73 79		9 56	\$ 1 17	1 00	60	12 00			4,332 52	17		
New Mexico.....		3 40						5 65											9,332 60	18		
N. Alabama.....		3,840 98			207 21			25 97		85 31					2 40	31 25			367 21	18		
N. Carolina.....								85 23								947 13			9,332 60	19		
N. Georgia.....		1,301 30						98 12		544 24						8 00			19,737 26	20		
N. Mississippi.....		\$126 20		267 10	5 00			26 05						6 45		20 00			5,294 48	22		
North Texas.....		2,055 75						64 20		220 60		3 96			29	6 00			9,833 05	23		
N. W. Texas.....					5 00			12 18		129 08		5 05		10 23		56 31			2,570 50	24		
Pacific.....				11 03				9 25		47 05		21 33				88 65			1,059 04	25		
S. Carolina.....		210 24						176 70		300 00						2,500 00			20,376 16	26		
S. Georgia.....								169 90								29,405 00			29,405 00	27		
S. W. Mission.....		5 00			66 38	\$16 45		70 26								174 59			8,393 36	28		
St. Louis.....		54 10	20 00	9 10	26 41			33 30		123 10		52 18		3 07	70	60 75			3,734 54	29		
Tennessee.....		343 00		77 75	5 75			121 13	2 40	267 28	3 10	5 85		1 76	63 14	426 00	\$ 38 00	\$ 0 65	10,090 05	30		
Texas.....		141 25		56 05				242 45		242 45		242 45		1 50	10 57	155 55			5,567 48	31		
Virginia.....		259 52		24 25	30 00			37 20	29 40	25	23 53	1 11	108 50	16 46	3 05	642 81	153 21	15 76	18,627 62	32		
W. Oklahoma.....		1,290 10	1 90		747 06	21 26	\$32 06	8 60		255 53		8 11		8 71	3 09	106 89			1,137 04	33		
West Texas.....		769 75		45 80	52 35			40 61		333 78									7,188 50	34		
Western N. C.....			20 00	14 10				99 55		33 07									16,554 86	35		
Western Va.....								16 85		253 07				10 99	3 88	400 00			2,748 59	36		
White River.....		10 00		9 15				19 24		139 45				8 31		20 00			2,854 34	37		
Mex. Mission.....																			21 00	38		
Total by Conf.	\$677 50	\$269 74	\$14,633 39	\$145 90	\$1,051 04	\$2,831 69	\$56 21	\$32 66	\$2,048 12	\$32 30	\$1 56	\$5,400 20	\$289 44	\$174 48	\$12,584 13	\$191 21	\$16 41		\$277 513 84			
Other source.....			17 00				12 50									1,392 63			1,580 26			
Refunds.....																			1,441 23			
Literature (leaflets, books, etc.).....																			670 81			
Property.....																			1,617 81			
North Carolina Conference.....																			1,000 00			
Virginia Conference.....																			1,000 00			
Louisville Conference.....																			2,000 00			
Annuitants.....																			6,000 00			
Bequest of J. W. Humbert.....																			1,000 00			
Total.....	\$677 50	\$269 74	\$14,650 39	\$145 90	\$1,051 04	\$2,844 19	\$56 21	\$32 66	\$2,048 12	\$32 30	\$1 56	\$5,462 20	\$289 44	\$174 48	\$13,976 06	\$191 21	\$16 41		\$293,823 95			

SUMMARY OF MONEY HANDLED.

Balance on hand from 1911	\$ 33,283 62
Amount received for 1912	293,823 95
Amount borrowed	28,500 00
Amount received that had to be refunded	284 10
Amount returned not used	625 00
Total	\$356,516 67
Less disbursements	284,740 39
Balance	\$ 71,776 28

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1912.

Annuity interest	\$ 1,259 55	
Chinese sufferers	43 20	
Expense of candidates	2,783 66	
Forward Movement	2,400 93	
Insurance	3 04	
Interest	592 99	
Methodist Training School (special)	36 20	
Notes paid off	28,500 00	
Refunds	514 10	
Scarritt Bible and Training School:		
Endowment	\$ 1,695 31	
Endowed scholarships	269 74	
Hitch Lectureship, South Georgia Conference	5,000 00	
Library	10 00	
Scholarships	690 00	
Specials: Appropriation last year	2,000 00	
Louisville Conference	2,000 00	
South Carolina Conference	2,500 00	
Virginia Conference	94 54	
Trueheart Lectureship	119 87—	14,379 46
Specials: Dr. Ethel Polk	\$ 250 00	
Dr. Hardie	200 00	
Miss Love	41 57	
Negro work	265 62	
Sundries	117 70—	874 89
Travel for missionaries		7,361 15
Foreign Fields:		
Bible women: Brazil	\$ 480 00	
China	5,705 65	
Korea	4,424 79	
Mexico	300 00—	10,910 44
Buildings: Brazil	\$ 5,000 00	
Korea (land)	1,150 00	
Mexico	500 00—	6,650 00
Day schools: Brazil	\$ 400 00	
China	1,655 40	
Korea	1,657 50	
Mexico	325 00—	4,037 90
Insurance, incidentals, woman's work, etc.: Brazil ..	\$ 4,867 53	
China	2,640 27	
Cuba	1,095 00	
Korea	2,886 01	
Mexico	6,765 78—	18,254 59
Kindergarten: Brazil	\$ 300 00	
China	1,022 50—	1,322 50
Rents: Brazil	\$ 4,540 00	
Mexico	4,600 00—	9,140 00
Salaries: Brazil	\$21,461 87	
China	29,259 10	
Cuba	3,177 50	
Indian work	250 00	
Korea	10,551 41	
Mexico	17,259 77	
Missionaries at home	7,236 56—	89,196 21
Salaries for teachers: Brazil	\$ 4,375 00	
Cuba	5,090 00	
Mexico	19,420 00—	28,885 00

Scholarships: Brazil	\$ 2,240	00	
China	5,331	78	
Cuba	840	00	
Korea	5,215	00	
Mexico	3,447	10—	17,073 88
Specials: Brazil	\$ 1,420	50	
China	660	00	
Cuba	300	00	
Korea	1,053	16	
Mexico	950	00—	4,383 66
Sundries: Brazil	\$ 1,189	42	
China	4,744	51	
Korea	3,422	25	
Mexico	3,447	10—	\$ 17,073 88

Cost of Administration:

Auditing Treasurer's books	\$	7	50	
Bond of Treasurer		25	00	
Bulletins		138	07	
Contingent		1,151	92	
Expense of Board Meeting		283	92	
Expense of Council Meeting		1,647	22	
Expense of Mid-Year Meeting		57	11	
Life certificates		48	58	
Literature (leaflets, Annual Reports, etc.)		5,832	13	
Mite boxes		12	41	
Office expense (including travel, etc.)		2,435	50	
Printing drafts (for foreign field)		35	00	
Salaries: Officers		5,100	00	
Clerical help		1,788	12	
<i>Missionary Voice</i> (deficit)		1,268	38	
<i>Young Christian Worker</i>		100	00—	19,930 86
Total disbursements				\$284,740 39

RECAPITULATION BY FIELDS.

Brazil	\$46,274	32	
China	51,019	21	
Cuba	10,502	50	
Indian work	250	00	
Korea	30,360	12	
Mexico	60,417	65—	\$198,823 80
Missionaries at home	\$ 7,236	56	
Travel and expense	10,144	81—	17,381 37
Notes	\$28,500	00	
Interest	592	99	
Scarritt Bible and Training School	14,379	46	
Specials	914	13	
Refunds	514	10	
Home administration	19,930	86	
Sundries	3,703	68—	68,535 22
Total			\$284,740 39

Drafts Outstanding:

Brazil	\$13,956	71	
China	21,187	28	
Korea	14,083	42—	\$ 49,227 41

Other Indebtedness:

Korea money recalled	\$15,000	00	
Retirement Fund	5,185	73	
Young J. Allen Fund	5,242	20	
Jubilee Fund	24,966	77	
Rio de Janeiro	14,902	59	
"The Days of June"	650	81—	65,948 10
			\$115,175 51

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year	1878-79..\$ 4,104 27	1896-97..\$ 82,880 47
	1879-80.. 13,775 97	1897-98.. 86,418 76
	1880-81.. 19,362 10	1898-99.. 83,587 07
	1881-82.. 25,609 44	1889-1900 97,064 96
	1882-83.. 29,647 31	1900-01.. 118,809 67
	1883-84.. 38,873 52	1901-02.. 104,017 97
	1884-85.. 52,652 12	1902-03.. 112,458 78
	1885-86.. 51,588 76	1903-04.. 132,143 37
	1886-87.. 50,092 63	1904-05.. 146,151 51
	1887-88.. 69,729 65	1905-06.. 155,951 10
	1888-89.. 68,165 34	1906-07.. 174,597 82
	1889-90.. 75,476 54	1907-08.. 226,192 88
	1890-91.. 85,969 44	1908-09.. 259,178 28
	1891-92.. 66,448 59	1909-10.. 264,562 46
	1892-93.. 71,199 12	1910-11.. 280,153 07
	1893-94.. 66,377 90	1911 244,952 44
	1894-95.. 63,951 98	1912 293,823 95
	1895-96.. 74,403 16	
		\$3,790,372 40

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify that I have examined the cash receipts and disbursements, including all vouchers and checks, of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions for the past twelve months, beginning at the close of the last audit, December 31, 1911, to January 1, 1913, and find the cash receipts properly recorded and vouchers on file for all disbursements.

The balance of cash on hand, as shown by the cashbooks, was verified by comparison with statements from the banks in which deposits are kept.

The above statement as made up by your Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, is correct and in accord with her records.

Respectfully,

W. L. MCFARLAND,
President Tennessee Auditing Company.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, MISS MABEL HEAD, SECRETARY.

Never has there been such an opportunity for teaching the Word in all the earth as comes to the Church of the present time; never have men been able to understand so fully that God is depending upon human agencies to extend his kingdom in all nations and among all peoples. Without God we can do nothing, and, according to his own plans for the world's redemption, he does nothing without us. In the face of the magnitude of the task "to make disciples of all nations," in the face of the difficulties to be overcome in its fulfillment, constant preparation of the mind and heart of the Church is necessary.

The missionary cause needs workers, needs givers, needs powerful intercessors. None of these needs will be supplied until the Church has a clearer vision of the world without the gospel, a clearer understanding of what is necessary to supply that gospel, a new consciousness of the power of God working through human agencies. To promote plans for such missionary education as will quicken the life of the Church is therefore no small task.

The work of the Educational Secretary can be most easily reported under two heads, Field Work and Office Work, and yet a large part of my work cannot be confined to either of these two headings. There must be many hours of study each month in preparation for the varied demands. There must be a thorough study of missionary literature,

of the plans and methods of work in other organizations. Preparation for mission class teaching and for institute work and for the various public services requires much time and energy, but can scarcely be reported.

FIELD WORK.

The first two months of the year 1912 were spent in joint institutes, working with Dr. Pinson and Dr. Rawlings. We held thirty-seven institutes in the Holston, North Georgia, Tennessee, and Memphis Conferences, with an attendance of about five thousand people. The months following the Council meeting were spent attending annual meetings. Parts of June, July, and August were given to the following Summer Conferences: School of Missions, Denton, Tex., and Pertle Springs, Mo.; Epworth-by-the-Sea, Corpus Christi, Tex. Mission study classes were taught, using "China's New Day," "Mormonism," and the "Church of the Open Country." Two hundred and fifteen enrolled in these classes came for the purpose of preparing to teach. Others pledged to organize classes, though not themselves teachers. Reports during the year show that some of them taught as many as three classes; others organized several. Attendance upon the institute hours at these summer gatherings was five hundred and seventy. Never since I have been in the work has there been such interest and such responsiveness at these method hours. Much more technical work is being called for under our new organization, so that we find it necessary to break up into small groups, which multiplies the hours of my schedule at these places. We are planning to give a series of missionary demonstrations on the order of a pageant at each of the Summer Conferences this year. Directions for these demonstrations will be kept in the office and may be secured for the cost of the copy.

I have held a series of meetings in each of the following Conferences: Illinois, South Carolina, and Florida. In January of the present year I attended the meeting of the representatives of Foreign Mission Boards of the Protestant Churches of North America. It was a meeting of great inspiration, and might be said to be a study of the question of efficiency. Just preceding this I attended the meeting of Mission Board representatives called by the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association for the careful study of college problems.

Summary of Field Work.

Annual meetings attended.....	9
Institutes (joint; attendance, 5,000).....	37
Institutes (for woman's work; attendance, 1,500).....	36
Public services (general congregations).....	83
Meetings with societies (not institutes; attendance, 850).....	41
Societies organized: Adult.....	19
Young People's	14
Junior Division	11

Services in schools and colleges.....	39
Children's services	28
Young People's services.....	21
Study class hours.....	52

All this has required about twenty thousand miles of travel.
One of the hardest things is to refuse so many requests for help.

OFFICE WORK.

The office work I shall classify under the various heads: Mission Study, Bible Study, Exhibits, Charts, Colleges, Institutes, Christian Stewardship, and Libraries.

Mission Study.

During the early summer much time was spent in the preparation of the leaflets on mission study and of articles on this subject for the various papers. Mission study is becoming popular, but there seems to be no lessening of the earnestness with which it is done. In my report I give only the classes to whom helps have been sent. The Third Vice President gives the numbers reported to her by the Conference Third Vice Presidents. Helps have been sent to classes as follows:

"China's New Day".....	142; enrollment,	2,194
"Mormonism"	196; enrollment,	2,689
"Conservation of National Ideals".	136; enrollment,	1,853
"Western Women in Eastern Lands"	110; enrollment,	1,464
"Light of the World".....	50; enrollment,	838
"Church of the Open Country"...	49; enrollment,	713
"Advance in the Antilles".....	14; enrollment,	185
"Korea in Transition".....	5; enrollment,	124
Miscellaneous	85; enrollment,	1,608
Young people (unclassified)	84; enrollment,	1,030
Colleges	78; enrollment,	1,364
Children	48; enrollment,	972
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Total	997	15,034
Enrollment not included in above.		2,784
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Total enrollment		17,818

(An increase in enrollment over last year of about three thousand.)

We are recommending the following course for the year 1913:

Foreign.—Adult: "The King's Business." By Mrs. Raymond. (A study of organization method.) Or "Mexico's To-Morrow." By Rev. G.

B. Winton. Young People: "The Conservation of Young Life." By Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Peabody. Intermediates: "Livingstone the Pathfinder." Children: "The Story of Livingstone" or "Suggestions for Junior Missionary Leaders."

Home.—Adult and Young People: "The New America." (Immigration.) By Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Barnes. "America God's Melting Pot." By Mrs. L. G. Craig. Intermediates: "Some Immigrant Neighbors." By John R. Henry. Children: "Comrades of Other Lands." By Mrs. Dimmick.

Hundreds of letters are sent each quarter giving advice about the best books to use, making suggestions as to the methods of conducting the study, and answering questions about reference books, social and public meetings, etc. It is gratifying to note the number of those who by means of social or public meetings are giving out information gained in the classes. I have had correspondence with fifteen interdenominational classes. The women that publish the tidings are surely seeking to be better informed about the work in hand.

Bible Study.

Impetus seems to have been given to group Bible study by recommending a regular course. The people handling these books report about fifteen hundred sold on order of the women. "The Gospel of John," by Adams, has proved the most popular. Many letters indicate that the women are feeling more and more the need of a better knowledge of the Word that giveth life.

Libraries.

Last year a leaflet was published showing the importance of a good missionary library, giving suggestions as to the use of same and fifty good books on various subjects. This leaflet, together with mention of this subject at the Council, annual meetings, and institutes, has brought some results. Several hundred letters have been received asking for suggestions about libraries or telling the way in which a library has been secured, how it is used, etc.

Exhibits, Charts, Etc.

The pictorial charts published last year have been used in many societies. The orders decreased in the fall, owing to the fact that the Churches were supplied free of cost with a set of charts during the National Home Mission Week. About one hundred sets are still on hand and will be sold during the year. We do not recommend the publication of another set at this time.

Sets of posters, mottoes, and charts, making a fair exhibit for district and annual meetings, have been traveling much of the time. Many sheets of typewritten material are sent to persons asking for directions for making charts for their own use. The societies in several

districts each made several charts and posters and circulated them throughout the district. Much of the exhibit shown at the Council and Board of Missions meetings and at the Southern Assembly, 1913, will be used throughout the Church this coming year. Applications for it should be sent to the Educational Secretary.

Colleges.

It is difficult to give a statistical report of college work, since the school year is not ended at the time of the Council meeting and reports of the last school year are several months old. Circular letters are sent at the beginning of the school year to the principals of the schools and to the presidents of the Christian organizations in the schools. Suggestive outline programs for the study of our denominational work, leaflet literature, and the *Bulletin* of the Home Mission Council are sent regularly. Much more correspondence has come this year from the college young people than ever before. They ask for information on various missionary subjects, for help on programs, mission study, Bible study, social meetings, etc.

Not many Young People's Missionary Societies exist in our colleges, and practically none in the State schools. The Y. W. C. A. has more nearly fitted into the life of students than any other Christian organization. It cannot meet the needs of our young people unless in its training they are drawn more closely in touch with the Church in its activities. The Y. W. C. A. has realized the need of a closer correlation of their work and that of the Church, and so called a conference of representatives from Mission Boards to meet with their Student Secretaries in New York in January. A report of that conference is submitted at this session of the Council. It is not embodied in this written report, since it must pass on to committees. Letters have been sent to every Second Vice President in every college town, asking them to assist in making the study of our woman's work worth while in the school.

Reports were received last year from thirty-four of our Methodist schools, twenty-four of which used regular programs for the study of our woman's work; all have mission and Bible study. Eighteen of these schools report having given one thousand and thirty-four dollars to our work. We have had good reports from seventeen State schools: eleven of that number have adopted a plan for holding occasional denominational and missionary meetings; nine of these denominational groups have contributed to our work. Last year a number of students in different schools signed cards saying that they were willing to do some definite Church work during vacation. I have been in touch with eighteen of these young women, who taught mission study and Bible study classes, assisted in children's work, etc. I am putting greater emphasis upon this point this year and hope for larger results. We must keep more closely in touch with our college young people, as we need them in the work of the Church.

Institutes.

Report of institutes held has been given under Field Work. The missionary institute is a gathering for the purpose of the study of plans and methods, primarily for the development of leaders and training of officers. This may be merely for a local society, for a district, or for a Conference. The bulk of the work in every Church, district, and Conference must be done by local women. The institute should be made more technical, should be held in places where leaders who can give some time to the development of the work will come together. I am hoping this year that a number of Conferences will be able to arrange a series of meetings with real technical work for those who can and will go out to organize and push the woman's work. Many sheets of typewritten material have been sent to those wishing to hold institutes, but who cannot get the help of some special worker.

I have prepared new helps along this line, including outline programs for one or two days and not only topics to be discussed, but many suggestive methods of work; also suggestions about posters, charts, maps, and for public and social meetings. Much typewriting of this kind makes very heavy work in the office. A number of cities and towns are finding semiannual or quarterly interdenominational institutes of great value.

Christian Stewardship.

In the fall it was decided that the Christian stewardship literature should be sent from my office, in order that the supplies for the Third Vice Presidents might be obtained from one place. Leaflets have been sent as follows:

Third quarter, 1912.....	7,115
Fourth quarter, 1912.....	8,410
First quarter, 1913.....	8,035
Total	23,560

Many others have been sent out in small quantities.

Many lessons of hope and faith have come to me during the year. I am confident that we are coming to yet larger things. The work is the Lord's. He is giving us a wonderful privilege in helping with it. God is with us; let us go forth to win greater victories for him.

**EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, MRS. A. L. MARSHALL,
SECRETARY.**

The Woman's Missionary Council in annual session in 1912 ordered the publication of a new booklet, "Helps for Missionary Societies," and a book, "Helps and Entertainments for Children and Young People."

After three months of correspondence between the Editorial Secretary and the members of the Standing Committee on Literature, these pub-

lications were far enough advanced to call for a meeting of the committee on July 23-25 for final revision.

"HELPS FOR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES."

Thirty thousand "Helps" were published at a cost of \$720, or two and one-half cents each, and were distributed with the third quarter's supply of literature in the proportion of two to each adult and one to each young people's and children's auxiliary, the balance in stock to be sold upon order at five cents each, or thirty-five cents per dozen.

"HELPS AND ENTERTAINMENTS."

It was deemed wise to put out the "Helps and Entertainments" in two volumes—one for children and another for young people. These books contain suitable missionary songs, readings, plans for social evenings, part pieces, and dramatic representations on various types of mission work, and have already demonstrated the need of such material by their ready sale, considering the small constituency interested. Leaflet songs and entertainments have been printed from the pages of these books that sell at a nominal price.

YEARBOOK.

Preliminary to the preparation of the *Yearbook* for 1913 correspondence was held with all the Protestant Mission Boards in the United States and Canada and their program literature examined. The result of this study was submitted to the committee. Valuable assistance was rendered by them in additional suggestions and help toward its arrangement. Thirty thousand copies for 1913 were printed at a cost of \$242.50; twenty thousand copies for 1912 had been printed at a cost of \$191.

Though costing \$1.50 less per thousand this year than last, the new book is more attractive in make-up. The *Yearbook* was sent out with the fourth quarter's supply of literature for distribution, so that it might easily reach every auxiliary by the first of the year.

The *Yearbook* has received commendation from some quarters, and, what is more to the purpose, has met with a large sale at five cents each, or thirty-five cents per dozen.

As soon as the outline for the programs had been fully arranged, on September 5, we sent copies of these outlines to all our mission stations, both at home and abroad, bespeaking contributions to the *Missionary Voice* from the missionaries on the topics to be presented.

NEW LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.

A much-needed and valuable service rendered by the committee was a thorough examination and revision of the stock of leaflet publications. On the very hottest day of last summer (ninety-five degrees) we went over each department, leaflet by leaflet, discarding or revising those that were out of date and providing to build up the weak places. These

new leaflets were prepared, and the new list of publications was gotten out in the late summer showing the supply of leaflets classified according to departments.

Twenty thousand catalogues cost \$105 (about twenty-five dollars cheaper than last year).

COST OF REGULAR MONTHLY LEAFLETS FOR 1912.

Foreign Department.

90,000 leaflets for adults and young people, first quarter	\$ 123 00
90,000 leaflets for adults and young people, second quarter	163 00
90,000 leaflets for adults and young people, third quarter	160 75
90,000 leaflets for adults and young people, fourth quarter	161 50
120,000 leaflets for children for the year	165 00
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Total	\$ 773 25
Total for 1911	1,037 43
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Decrease	\$ 264 18
Cost of mailing foreign leaflets	\$ 238 74
Cost of mailing home leaflets	556 33

DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS.

Monthly leaflets have gone out promptly each quarter, accompanied by a card notifying the Conference officers to expect the express package. Very few complaints have reached the office this year of failure to receive the supply. The leaflet, "Quiz on Literature," seems to have gone far toward clearing up the perplexities so manifest last year.

NUMBER OF BOOKS SOLD IN 1912.

"History of Woman's Missionary Society"	68
"In Bethany House"	133
"Kim Su Bang"	61
"Pokjumie"	121
"The Beautiful Gem"	109
"The Days of June"	21
"Why and How"	262

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER.

The boost given to the *Young Christian Worker* by the Conference Secretaries at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council has borne

gratifying fruit, as indicated in the following report, showing that for the first time in its history the little paper pays for its own printing, including the debt of over \$300 with which it began the year, and has forty-six cents to its credit.

Annual Report of Miss Lena Freeman, Agent.

Receipts:

Amount in bank January 1, 1912	\$ 14 60
Amount received from subscriptions from	
January 1, 1912, to January 1, 1913	1,884 59
Amount received from advertisements	20 00—\$1,919 19

Disbursements:

By amount paid for stamps	\$ 5 00
By amount paid Publishing House	1,913 73— 1,918 73
Amount in bank January 1, 1913	\$ 46

The amount of \$335.25, which was due the Publishing House January 1, 1912, has been paid.

Subscribers, 8,500.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE.

The Woman's Missionary Council at its last annual session adopted a recommendation to the Board of Missions that the subscription price of the *Missionary Voice* remain fifty cents a year, and expressed itself as not opposed to a few pages of the *Voice* being used for carefully censored advertisements, provided it materially reduced the expense of publication. This recommendation, being presented to the Mission Board, was referred to its Committee on Periodicals, who reported favorably upon the fifty cents' subscription price, on the score that "the Board has no better agency in printed form for instructing and informing our people in regard to the missionary service of the Church; and should a small subsidy be required, we believe that no wiser expenditure of money could be made." The advisability of advertising was left to the editors, who, after careful investigation, found it beset with many harassments and small net gain. Consequently no advertisements have been solicited.

Commendation of the *Voice*—high praise, even—is not wanting, and complaints that reach the editors are rare; but the disappointing fact remains that instead of reaching the sixty thousand subscribers that the Committee on Periodicals set as the goal for this year, we come to the end of 1912 even a few hundred short of the previous year.

Financial Statement.

	Received on Subscriptions.	
	1912.	1911.
January	\$ 2,030 85	\$ 1,812 86
February	2,876 45	2,474 32
March	2,092 43	3,003 50
April	1,400 84	1,601 10
May	1,139 02	1,288 93
June	903 81	1,012 60
July	728 71	822 64
August	602 22	663 51
September	884 50	1,053 17
October	1,178 71	1,246 03
November	1,090 53	1,215 02
December	990 43	1,130 31
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	\$15,918 50	\$17,423 99

SUMMARY.

Disbursements for twelve months	\$20,992 02
Receipts for twelve months	15,918 50
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Amount paid over subscription receipts	\$ 5,073 52
Deficit to be met by each department of the Woman's Missionary Council	\$ 1,268 38
Received on subscriptions for 1911	\$17,423 99
Received on subscriptions for 1912	15,918 50
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	\$ 1,505 49
Paid Smith & Lamar, Agents, in 1911	\$22,178 84
Paid Smith & Lamar, Agents, in 1912	18,933 62
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	\$ 3,245 22
Office expense for 1911	\$ 2,235 75
Office expense for 1912	2,058 40
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	\$ 177 35
Total expense for 1911	\$24,414 59
Total expense for 1912	20,992 02
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	\$ 3,422 57
	1,505 49
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By losing subscriptions we have decreased deficit.	\$ 1,918 06

FIELD SECRETARY, MISS DAISY DAVIES.

"Lift up thine eyes, and look upon the fields." This to me has been the command from the Master as I itinerated through eighteen Conferences last year. Three overwhelming facts face me as I consider the work:

1. The need of the world—intense, pathetic, appealing.
2. The resources in the Church to supply these needs—in money, people, and power.
3. The lack of consecrated human agency to bring supply and need together.

In doing my work this year I have traveled 21,493 miles, visited 121 places, and made 345 talks. Eight Annual Conferences were visited—South Georgia, Mississippi, West Texas, North Texas, West Oklahoma, East Oklahoma, Baltimore, Western North Carolina. The Southwest Missouri Preachers' Conference was visited and the work presented. The Forward Movement was presented in twenty-eight places in six Conferences—North Carolina, Western North Carolina, Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, and Alabama. Thirty district meetings were held in five Conferences—Southwest Missouri, White River, North Mississippi, Louisiana, and Louisville. Two colleges were visited—Cottey College and Central College in Missouri.

Wonderful opportunities came to me as I worked in three summer assemblies—two at Blue Ridge, N. C. (Y. W. C. A. and A. M. E.), and one at Montecagle. In addition to this were the Council meeting, Board meeting, and the triennial meeting reported last year at Washington. You will see that most of the year has been given to annual, district, and Forward Movement meetings and summer assemblies. In this way I have been able to reach a large number of auxiliaries and people and to study.

All things considered, there is reason for great encouragement. We have labored against many difficulties. Most of the auxiliaries can say with the apostle Paul: "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

In countless numbers of places the women realize the greatness of the missionary need, but they have not been able to help in the task. They have had such heavy local burdens to carry building churches and parsonages, paying Church debts, pastors' salaries, and Conference claims. I have been told by men in authority in a number of places that if the missionary societies refused to do these things the churches would have to close.

The many changes and new plans of organization have not always been clearly understood, and confusion and sometimes discouragement have resulted. Great gain would result by having one source from which all supplies can be secured.

The system of reporting and report blanks needs to be harmonized.

Our greatest weakness all over the Church is lack of definiteness and well-matured plans. There is steady improvement, however, and many auxiliaries are setting a definite aim as regards money, meetings, mission study, membership, and the prayer life that means great advance in the future. Everywhere there is the greatest eagerness to learn about the work and best plans for its advancement. I find sometimes, however, that some of the women really want a patent plan that will succeed without work. I am anxious to see the time when it can be said of our 200,000 members in the two departments, "And they all had a mind to work." In every place this can be said of some. How I thank God for this host of splendid women! I found them in every one of the eighteen Conferences in which I have worked this year.

There are many delightful and inspiring memories of these meetings, the broader vision that added that other department, the hundreds of mission study classes, the host of new members added, the children and young people organized, the fine social service work planned, the increased and intelligent giving and prayer life promised. I cannot mention definite results in each place; time and space forbid. But I must speak of two—the generous response of the Church at Rockingham, N. C., in taking the support of a missionary, and the gift of \$1,000 for missions at the annual meeting in San Angelo, Tex. Both were spontaneous, beautiful gifts—a love offering that came when no definite call for money had been made.

Definite results have been many, though I cannot tabulate. I must give the message, hurry on, and trust for the large increase. What we need is prayer—prayer born of a consuming love for the Father and the children of this household. All other needs will find their answer if this one is but truly met.

MANAGERS.

Eastern Division, Mrs. Lee Britt.

The Eastern Division has within its bounds the Baltimore, Virginia, Western Virginia, Holston, North Carolina, and Western North Carolina Conferences. Of these, Holston, Western Virginia, North Carolina, and Western North Carolina are united.

The committee appointed by the Home and Foreign Departments of the Virginia Conference has met and recommended union, when approved by the annual meeting of these Conferences. I doubt not that union will have been effected before many months have passed. In the Holston Conference, which united about two years ago, the trying time of reconstruction is safely passed. One of the officers writes: "It was not an easy thing to bring about union in our Conference, but our women are delighted with the change, and the Foreign Department has raised more this year than ever before, except when a special effort

was being made for Holston Institute, and the Home Department raised \$800 more than ever before."

Financially, the division has gone much ahead, the amounts raised being as follows:

	Home.	Foreign.
Baltimore	\$ 2,704 96	\$ 8,179 71
Holston	4,466 88	5,192 71
Virginia	2,869 19	18,527 52
North Carolina	4,873 60	16,687 26
West Virginia	1,083 90	2,748 59
Western North Carolina	3,073 26	16,554 96
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Total	\$19,071 79	\$67,890 75
Grand total		\$86,962 54

In addition to this amount, Virginia reports a special of \$1,000.

The special work done by Conferences has been in Baltimore in the Foreign Department, completing the pledge of \$10,000 to Brazil; and the young people support a kindergarten teacher in Brazil, her salary being raised the first quarter of the year. Holston has a scholarship in China, which is supported by a mission study class. Western Virginia supports seven scholarships and nine Bible women.

Virginia is raising \$5,000 for a Bible Woman's Home in Huchow, supports a day school, three missionaries, and a large number of scholarships. One of the missionaries is supported by the students of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. North Carolina supports five missionaries and a number of scholarships. The Bright Jewels, of North Carolina, support Mary Black Hospital. Western North Carolina supports six missionaries in the Home Department. The Baltimore City Mission Board supports a district visitor. She was doing excellent work, but on account of the illness of the deaconess the City Mission Board has had to give up this work for the present until a new worker can be secured. Knoxville, Tenn., Richmond, Va., Danville, Va., and Portsmouth, Va., all have Wesley Houses, which are proving a blessing to the cities in which they are located. In Norfolk, our large seaport, there has been recently organized a City Mission Board, and they are asking that a deaconess be sent them.

There are four splendid young women being trained for definite work for the Master—one from Virginia, one from Baltimore (fruit of the Council meeting held in Washington one year ago), and two from Western North Carolina.

From one Conference comes this word: "I am ashamed and grieved to say that we have never had a missionary from our Conference and have no one in training. The fault, I believe, largely rests on the shoulders of the mothers."

In the Virginia Conferences the question of social service was proving perplexing, especially to the societies of the Foreign Department. In Richmond there has been organized a union monthly meeting of all the auxiliaries in the city for the purpose of studying the question. Carefully prepared programs and good speakers on the various phases of the question are making these meetings very helpful and instructive.

I have not received a report of the number of study classes, but there are many in every Conference. While we have missed the inspiration and help which would have come from the series of institutes which were to have been held by Miss Head, who, on account of illness, had to cancel her engagements, we are looking forward to having her later. The work received stimulus through interdenominational meetings, district meetings, and institutes.

"The World in Baltimore" was a missionary education. Only God can estimate the good that will result from the weeks of study and preparation necessary to prepare the 6,000 stewards for their work.

I had planned to visit every Conference, but God willed otherwise in the great sorrow which came to us in the home-going of our only child. His grace has sustained us, and we appreciate the prayers and tender sympathy of our coworkers.

We pray our Father to lead the splendid women of this division that his name may be glorified and the work prosper.

Southeastern Division, Mrs. Luke Johnson.

In accordance with the action of the Council in session in 1912, the Eastern Division was divided into the Eastern and Southeastern Divisions by the two managers. The Southeastern Division fell to me, and includes the Alabama, North Alabama, the North Georgia, South Georgia, Florida, South Carolina Home Mission, and South Carolina Foreign Mission Conferences.

The work in these Conferences has, in the main, progressed most satisfactorily during the year. Laboring under the strain of changed methods and laws, the work has not been easy. It has required vigilance and consecration on the part of the Conference officers to hold the work in such shape that it should not suffer at any point. We believe this has been done, and that to-day these Conferences are stronger and better equipped for future work than ever before. All of the Conferences in this division are united Conferences, except those in South Carolina.

INCREASE.

While comparisons with 1911 are scarcely fair, as that was a year of only ten months, yet the increase is such as to permit us to believe that we are beginning to find ourselves under the new order and to "go forward" indeed.

In the Home Department the following increase is found:

To General Treasurer.

North Georgia Conference	\$ 1,962 41
Alabama Conference	1,513 52
North Alabama Conference	1,392 94
South Georgia Conference	1,316 09
Florida Conference	997 95
South Carolina Conference	789 66
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Total	\$ 7,972 57

City Missions.

South Georgia Conference	\$ 1,887 19
North Georgia Conference	1,725 98
North Alabama Conference	1,377 40
Alabama Conference	672 06
South Carolina Conference	91 84
Florida Conference
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Total	\$ 5,754 47
Total increase in Home Department	\$13,727 04

In the Foreign Department the increase is:

South Georgia Conference	\$ 4,977 70
South Carolina Conference	4,102 23
North Georgia Conference	3,754 19
North Alabama Conference	2,549 91
Alabama Conference	2,544 87
Florida Conference	567 21
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Total	\$18,496 01
Total increase in both departments	\$32,223 03

This division is supporting thirty-three foreign missionaries (the South Georgia Conference carrying thirteen, the largest number). It has sixteen girls in the training schools this year studying for the home work and eight for foreign work, and has nine Wesley Houses and thirty-one trained workers in its territory.

All the departments of work are getting clearer to our constituency, and a proportionate enlargement follows. An increasing interest is being manifested in the study class work. The Department of Social Service is still mystical, but we are groping toward the light. The children and young people have had a normal growth.

ITINERATION.

The itineration plans for this division were interrupted by the illness of the workers, and only in the Florida Conference was a series of meetings held by Misses Head and Nichols. These meetings resulted in a

great uplift to officers and workers, a better understanding of union, and a few new organizations. The division has been most fortunate in having Misses Nichols, Lester, Claiborne, and Houser to touch different points during the year. Their ministry has been most helpful, bringing information and inspiration always.

SPECIAL FORWARD MOVEMENTS.

Nearly all of the Conferences in this division are putting forth some kind of special effort toward enlargement and increase. Notable among these is:

1. The Florida Conference, which has divided the amount of Conference pledge among the districts and is urging its collection through the District Secretaries.

2. The North Alabama Conference, which is planning to divide the districts into sections, with a leader for each section, in an effort to present the work in every charge in every district and secure an organization where none exists.

3. The South Carolina Home Conference, which is making an effort to bring its leaders into a circle of prayer for three definite things—viz.: (a) That the work may “go forward” in their hands; (b) that each one may add a new organization; (c) that the pledge of \$1,000 may be raised to at least \$1,250.

4. The North Georgia Conference, which has taken decided forward steps this year: (a) By inaugurating a District Secretaries' Institute to be held before the annual meeting, that these real leaders of the Conference may together discuss the work and make such recommendations as they consider wise to the Conference in annual session. (b) By turning the half of dues in the Home Department into the general treasury. (c) By adopting a financial budget that greatly simplifies and reduces the number of funds. (d) By increasing their goal from \$27,000, the amount sent to the General Treasurer last year, to \$40,000, the amount to be raised this year. They have called for this increase of \$13,000, prorated it to the districts and the auxiliaries, with an urgent appeal that it be raised. The response to this appeal is already most encouraging. (e) By employing a Conference Organizer, whose work has been little short of marvelous. In six months she has touched only four of the eleven districts in regular work, besides doing much institute and special work. As a result, she has added:

	Organizations. Members.	
Adult auxiliaries	21	228
Young people auxiliaries	21	321
Children's divisions	43	957
Home Departments added	11	...
Foreign Departments added	3	...
Members added to old auxiliaries	142
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	105	1,648

The Alabama Conference is hoping to secure an Organizer, and the Florida Conference has one in the field for short periods.

Thus it will be seen that the Southeastern Division is "going forward" and planning for yet greater things.

The year has been one of hard work, but the workers are cheerful and hopeful. However, in the midst of our opening possibilities and joyous service, sorrow and bereavement have come to us. In the going home of Mrs. M. D. Wightman, that peerless leader of other days, a great sorrow has fallen upon us as Methodist women. Especially in her own South Carolina Conference, where in recent years of invalidism her spirit was ever leading upward and onward, the blow falls most heavily. In the going home of our own Mrs. Hitch, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the South Georgia Conference, a real loss has come not only to us, but to the Church of God. We thank God for her leadership and that she was faithful, giving, as she did, her best thought and self, in physical weakness and suffering, for the work in her loved Conference, even to the end. We are grateful for the last message by her pen, which gave but another assurance of her abiding faith in God the Father as she quoted from the Psalmist: "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." We miss them to-day, but their works do follow them.

Central Division, Mesdames H. R. Steele and E. B. Chappell.

Reviewing the work of the past year in the Central Division, the managers are glad to be able to report a good increase along all lines. The thirteen Conferences have united, and encouraging letters have been received from the Secretaries, showing new organizations of adults, young people, and children, new mission study classes, and increased interest in the department of the Fourth Vice President.

Institutes have been held in the thirteen Conferences. Miss Davies covered the Louisville, Southwest Missouri, Mississippi, North Mississippi, White River, and Louisiana Conferences, and held meetings in the Tennessee, Memphis, and St. Louis Conferences. Letters have been received showing fine results from her work. Mrs. Trawick and the two managers held two Institutes in each district in the Kentucky Conference. The meetings had been well planned and advertised, and were well attended. The women were interested in all the departments of the work, eager to complete their organizations, and eager for information concerning the work.

In the Missouri and Tennessee Conferences the Secretaries held the Institutes, with one exception in the Tennessee Conference, without the help of a Council worker. These Conferences show the largest gain in membership, mission study classes, and offerings.

Since the last Council meeting the managers have attended the an-

nual meetings of the Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisville, North Alabama, Southwest Missouri, and Holston Conferences. These meetings were well attended, a spirit of enthusiasm pervaded the work, and the women were cordial and responsive.

In compliance with the ruling of the Council in mid-year session, the Conferences have been divided and the Central and Southern Divisions established.

This the third and last report of the joint work of the managers of the Central Division is respectfully submitted.

Western Division, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

During the year 1912 the duties that have come to this division manager have not been very taxing. The kindness and coöperation of the officers of the different Conferences of this part of the Western Division have made the correspondence a pleasure.

A number of calls for help in Conference meetings could not be answered in person because of other duties. In the New Mexico Conference meeting Mrs. Nat G. Rollins kindly substituted, and she was a great blessing to the women and to the work. Itinerations were planned for Miss Daisy Davies for the months of February and March of this year in the Northwest Texas and the two Oklahoma Conferences and the New Mexico Conference.

Institutes were held in a number of places last spring, and they have borne good fruit. An exhibit of our work was placed in the Texas State Fair. Cards and leaflets for this exhibit were prepared and distributed, and information was given by women appointed to serve each day. This was a beginning of a work that it is hoped will prove useful and helpful.

The Denton School of Missions in the Methodist Dormitory was held last June, and, while not large, is doing good work. The interest is increasing, and this year a larger attendance is expected.

For any good that may have been done through this channel we are most grateful to our Lord and Master.

Western Division, Mrs. W. F. Barnum.

The Central Texas, West Texas, Northwest Texas, Columbia, East Columbia, Pacific, and Los Angeles are the Conferences under our personal supervision.

Carefully planned itinerations and district meetings in several Conferences have been successfully carried out. A most helpful campaign on the western coast was carried on by Mrs. J. H. Glide and Mrs. Josephine Campbell.

The character of meetings conducted and programs shared in have been as varied as in other years—League meetings, mission study classes, missionary programs, mission Sunday schools, vesper services, institute hours, public addresses, student volunteers, etc. We visited the Scarritt Bible and Training School during commencement and enjoyed every detail of the program.

A short stay at our School of Methods, at Denton, made me covet a larger attendance of our Texas women. As our city missionary, Miss Lillie Fox, had received an appointment to Mexico under the Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, I had the privilege of assisting her with her preparation—a privilege highly valued.

The close affiliation of our missionary and Young Women's Christian Association work has been carefully tested at home and abroad. It was an unexpected privilege to share the duties of the Council representative, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, at the Young Women's Christian Association Southern Conference at Monte Ne, Ark., in June, 1912. We both were gratified to find that our Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has the largest denominational Conference. Estes Park, Colo., is the place chosen for a similar conference on August 21-30, 1913, and we ask for a representative from the Council for this meeting.

Miss Eugenia Smith, our deaconess in North Fort Worth, and the Extension Department of our local Young Women's Christian Association are doing most interesting and harmonious work.

The Interdenominational Study Class in Fort Worth has passed its third birthday, and has held two courses of study six weeks each this year. In harmony with the Educational Campaign on Home Missions, "The Church of the Open Country" was studied, with an enrollment of one hundred and fifty. During the Lenten season studies in "China's New Day" were conducted, with one hundred women enrolled. These classes were conducted by competent local leaders.

We are gratified to report the organization of the Texas State Volunteer Association at Waco in April.

During the hottest days of August and September, 1912, we found ourselves chairman of the Free Ice and Milk Campaign, a real campaign of social service and a benediction to hundreds of sick and aged.

One of the most far-reaching features of the year's work has been the furnishing of literature and other supplies to two Sunday schools and Churches among our negro citizens.

Since the white slave traffic is claiming the attention of the nation's President, and Governors of more than twelve States have inaugurated Vice Commissions, we would ask that our Social Service Committee consider the subject for some form of study. We also urge our women to secure from the National Anti-White Slave Association, Denver, Colo., the book entitled "The White Slave Traffic," by Bell (price, fifty cents), for circulation in an educational campaign.

The words of J. R. Miller have been verified in our home these passing months: "For joy and sorrow come on the same stalk." We had rejoiced daily over the renewed health and strength of our beloved friend, Miss Sophia Manns, and that she had been able to return to China. One brief year crowned her beautiful life devotedly lived for her Lord and Master, and she was not, for God took her. We are sincerely grateful to friends near and far who came to us in message and in person with tenderest sympathy and comfort. As we went to the bereaved mother and family, we found them in conquering faith and testifying to comforts of divine love and grace which make them strong to endure. Their hearts are full of gratitude to all for numberless courtesies to them and the loved one gone home. We walk to-day in new paths, and may we keep ourselves in the blessedness of God's love for us!

BUREAU OF PUBLICITY, MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

The work of the year in the Press Bureau has been heavy all along the line. The intents and purposes of the work are not fully understood, and the time has not been sufficient to make it understood. In fact, scarcely any of us recognize what a great and powerful avenue of service we may have both through the Church and the secular press.

The Committee on the Home Base in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in January, 1912, said: "No board apparently has recognized the full value there would be in an adequate service of publicity, and the policy in the most progressive boards falls far short of what is needed, if the best results are to be secured."

Dr. J. Campbell White, discussing the same report, said: "Missionary facts are the most vital facts and interesting facts in the world. All we need is some one to gather the facts and get them into readable shape to get any amount of space for the exploitation of missionary news. Even a missionary magazine would not be as effective as the secular press as it may be utilized if we have persons of the proper capacity to do the work. We ought to have the strongest editorial news collectors sending out the news regularly. All it would take would be proper business organization to do it and help to create an atmosphere so we could double our missionary output in the next five years."

Such is the opinion of these great leaders of missionary enterprise. If they so value publicity work, we may well look into the subject.

The question of publicity for missionary facts is an all-absorbing one in many boards. The Laymen's Movement deals with it constantly, and is using this opportunity for exploitation to great advantage.

We have been playing with the question for some years in our woman's work, doing perhaps the best we could under the circumstances.

But the time has now arrived when we must take advantage of it vigorously if we are to accomplish through it anything that is worth while.

ORGANIZATION.

The organization of the Press Bureau has been the chief work of your Superintendent. To that end a policy for the work was prepared and submitted to the Executive Committee for adoption. The entire policy appears in the new booklet, "Helps."

Ten thousand leaflets were also issued giving the duties of Conference and auxiliary Press Superintendents. About twenty-five thousand report blanks have been prepared and distributed quarterly.

OBJECTIVE.

The specific object of the Press (or Publicity) Bureau is to reach our constituency and the public with news and facts touching our own and other missionary activities.

Our plan for the accomplishment of this purpose is through:

1. (a) The *Bulletin*, (b) the auxiliary.
2. The Church press.
3. The secular press.

THE BULLETIN.

The *Bulletin* has been edited jointly by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Council, and has been distributed monthly in the proportion of one copy to every auxiliary, Conference officer, and District Secretary. It is sent through the Press Bureau, and the Press Superintendents as Publicity Agents are responsible for its proper distribution and use. This fact has not yet been fully comprehended by our constituency, hence the *Bulletin* has been limited in its service in just the proportion that the Press Superintendents have not properly handled it. It has proved invaluable in those auxiliaries which use it, and there is a growing demand for it everywhere.

THE AUXILIARY.

The work of the Publicity Superintendent in the auxiliary is bounded only by the limitations of the Superintendent. "Line upon line" has been given out on this phase of the work, and yet we still have many auxiliaries in which there is no Press Superintendent, and others in which the Press Superintendent is of little value, and still others in which the Superintendent is doing magnificent work. The fact that there are a goodly number doing effective work persuades us that it is possible to bring all to some state of efficiency.

Full instructions are printed for the conduct of this work. It remains for the Conference officers to so recognize the possibilities of this line of work that it shall take its place alongside the other regular channels of work in the auxiliary.

THE CHURCH PRESS.

In accordance with the action of the Council in its last session, an effort has been made to secure the selection of one woman to edit the woman's page in each of the Church papers.

In response to this effort, a department in charge of one editor has been opened in the *Baltimore and Richmond Advocate*, the *St. Louis Advocate*, and the *New Orleans Advocate*, these papers having had no department before.

The *Wesleyan Advocate*, the *Central Methodist*, the *North Carolina Advocate*, the *Raleigh Advocate*, the *Alabama Advocate*, the *Laymen's Herald*, and the *Western Methodist* are now operating with the one woman editor instead of many, as heretofore. The *Florida Advocate*, the *Midland Methodist*, and the *Texas Advocate* have had one editor for some years.

The *Pacific Methodist*, the *Baltimore Methodist*, and the *Southern Christian Advocate* (South Carolina) are the only papers which have not adopted this policy of the Council.

The work in all these papers has been regular and, for the most part, very good, and some have been exceptionally good. We are hoping, however, that with a little more time we may be able to make these pages of far more educative value than at present.

A recent investigation reveals that our Conference organs have a subscription list of 126,550. According to the estimate made by these editors, these papers have a reading public of 559,800. The figures are:

	Subscribers.	Readers.
Western Methodist	11,000	50,000
Wesleyan Advocate	9,800	39,200
St. Louis Advocate .....	.....	45,000
Southern Christian Advocate (South Carolina)	12,500	50,000
Raleigh Advocate	7,800	20,000
North Carolina Advocate	7,000	28,000
New Orleans Advocate	7,750	37,500
Midland Methodist (Tennessee)	8,500	40,000
Florida Advocate	5,000	15,000
Central Methodist (Kentucky)	8,000	28,500
Baltimore and Richmond Advocate....	5,900	23,600
Baltimore Southern Methodist	7,250	30,000
Pacific Methodist	2,000	8,000
Laymen's Methodist Herald
Texas Christian Advocate	25,000	100,000
Alabama Advocate	9,100	45,000
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	126,550	559,800

In one or two cases where the editor did not make the estimate of readers we multiplied by four, as it is an accepted fact that each paper is read by from three to five persons.

Thus we see what a great field of opportunity we have here, and that our efforts would be justified if we did nothing more than this work in the Church papers.

THE SECULAR PRESS.

But we are pushing on still further in an effort to reach the uninterested Church member and the non-Church member. Hence we are trying to inaugurate a secular press service where we may have a reading public of practically everybody who reads at all.

We are told that "where one professing Christian in this land of churches reads a religious paper, three professing Christians read none at all. In other words, three out of four Christians listen for the voice of God, if they listen at all, in the secular press."

We decry the fact that all Christians do not read their Church papers. We are lending our best efforts to bring them to do so. We realize, however, that nearly all people read the secular papers; and to reach the largest number, we must use our good business sense and reach them through the channel of approach open for us nearly everywhere. This your Publicity Bureau is seeking earnestly to do.

Our efforts in this line have been strenuous, but so far not a great deal has been accomplished. Only one Conference (the Central Texas) is even approaching its possibilities in the use of the secular press, issuing matter, as it does, to 193 papers weekly. The total number of papers being used by all the Conferences is 545; but we are not persuaded that all of them are doing a real inspirational or educative work as yet.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

The statistical report, while gradually improving each quarter, is not what it should be. We believe that in another year it will be worth while.

We began reporting in the second quarter of 1912, and only eight Conferences reported at the close of each of the three quarters. They are: Central Texas, Florida, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Mississippi, North Texas, Texas, and West Texas. However, there were as many as twenty-eight Conferences reporting during some one quarter.

The Superintendents in nearly all of the Conferences have worked very hard in an effort to reach every auxiliary with the *Bulletin* and blanks, and their failure to do so in most instances has been because they were unable to get in any sort of touch with the auxiliary. The channel of communication is broken unless these addresses are furnished them, and we appeal to the Conference officers to help these faithful Superintendents who are trying to bring these great things to pass.

For the coöperation of Council and Conference officers and the sympathetic help of Conference Superintendents your Council Superintendent is most grateful.

**BUREAU OF SUPPLIES, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH,
SUPERINTENDENT.**

Never in the history of this department have the Conference Superintendents been so interested, so active, so helpful, and to them is largely due the wonderful success of this year's work.

They still have great difficulty in securing reports of donations sent by auxiliaries. Some report donations and report no value; others report donations and fail to give destination. The reports in several of the Conferences this year are cut down greatly by this carelessness. Yet, as a whole, we consider this the best year's work in the history of the department. Of course there were some failures and some disappointments in not securing boxes after having been promised by auxiliaries that did not fully realize their sacred obligations nor the distress their failure caused. But many were made happy and comfortable, and were encouraged to press on in their effort to serve God.

Again North Georgia Conference leads in number and value, having sent 171 donations, valued at \$5,781.56—the largest amount ever sent by a Conference in one year. St. Louis Conference was second, having sent 104 donations, valued at \$4,139.64. They sent the largest number to preachers (49) valued at \$2,793.64. St. John's Church, St. Louis, alone sent 7 boxes. North Mississippi was third, having sent 97 donations, valued at \$3,481.80.

Other Conferences did fine work, as you will see by referring to the table below. It is impossible to estimate in figures the real value, comfort, and help this department is in all its various lines of work, and those helping to carry it on are truly serving our Master as he tells us in Matthew xxv. 31-41. May each one feel in her heart the joy that comes when she realizes that by so doing she knows he is saying to her, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least, . . . ye have done it unto me!"

The report, as a whole, is:

	Donations.
To preachers	308
To city mission schools, rescue homes, and city mission boards	300
To Conference orphanages	473
To miscellaneous donations	103
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Total number of donations, 1,184; value, \$40,810.48.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES OF CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations to Preachers.	Donations to Mission Schools, Rescue Houses, and City Mission Boards.	Donations to Confer- ence Organizations.	Miscellaneous Donations.	Total Number of Donations.	Value of Donations.
Alabama.....	15	9	22	13	59	\$ 2,138 42
Arkansas.....	7				7	298 06
Baltimore.....	9	24	16		49	1,757 88
Central Texas.....	1				1	15 00
Columbia.....						
Denver.....						
East Oklahoma.....	20				20	1,008 00
Florida.....		1	4	6	11	546 67
German Mission.....						
Holston.....			57		57	982 80
Kentucky.....	8	2	2		12	485 00
Little Rock.....	2				2	213 40
Los Angeles.....						
Louisiana.....			1		1	20 00
Louisville.....	17		2		19	1,141 24
Memphis.....	5	14	1		20	443 00
Mississippi.....		12	12		24	2,544 10
Missouri.....	3	9		1	13	480 70
Montana.....						
New Mexico.....						
North Alabama.....	9		14	5	28	860 70
North Carolina.....	1	1	38		40	712 30
North Georgia.....	43	26	69	36	171	5,781 56
North Mississippi.....			97		97	3,481 80
North Texas.....	14	45	20	8	87	
Northwest Texas.....						
Pacific.....	3	12		2	17	271 80
South Carolina.....	7	1	10		18	370 40
South Georgia.....	32	49	43	3	127	5,601 09
Southwest Missouri.....	2	1			3	170 23
St. Louis.....	49	43	1	11	104	4,139 64
Tennessee.....	16	26		2	44	1,294 32
Texas.....	9	29	43	1	82	2,348 17
Virginia.....	10		24		34	1,367 77
West Oklahoma.....	19	1			20	486 50
West Texas.....	3	35	8		46	735 30
Western North Carolina.....	4	7	21	5	37	1,080 12
Western Virginia.....						
White River.....	3				3	275 00
Total.....	311	332	505	105	1,253	\$43,822 78

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.—REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

In presenting this, the twenty-second annual report of the Board of Managers, we look back on the year that has just closed, and, despite its hardships and perplexities, we realize that the session has been marked by progress and that God has so guided the institution that it has brought honor to him and to the Church.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Board of Managers was held on March 6, 1913, a meeting of interest and importance. The annual reports of the officers were truly gratifying. We present an abridgment of the report of the Principal:

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

The record of life in this institution brings each year an ascription of praise to God for his covenant mercies; but at the close of this year, which completes the twenty-first anniversary of its existence, we can say with gratitude, "Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ," for the year has been rich with blessings.

My last report as Principal was presented at the twenty-first annual meeting on March 21, 1912, and the session closed on May 14, 1912, with a graduating class of twenty-three fine young women. Eight of these were consecrated to the office of deaconess; six were appointed to foreign missionary work; two continued preparation in the normal school and kindergarten, and will apply for appointment this year; two became home missionaries; one went to Mexico as a teacher; one is serving as Young Women's Christian Association Secretary; and two entered Church work.

Appropriation by the Woman's Missionary Council.

The Woman's Missionary Council was generous to the school at its last session, held in Washington, D. C., April 16-23, 1912, continuing the \$2 assessment toward the productive endowment; and, in addition, the Committee on Estimates and Extension, Foreign Department, appropriated \$2,000 to meet pressing necessities—a gift which was indeed timely, as a tornado in June damaged the building greatly, and, while \$500 was paid by the insurance companies, the storm necessitated many repairs not covered by insurance.

The \$2,000 grant covered many unexpected expenses, a few of which were a new kitchen range, two new water heaters, grates for the furnace, and painting woodwork. All these were expensive necessities, and could not have been met without the appropriation.

The petition of the Home Department of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society to the Council, to be allowed to install electric lights in the building out of their one-half of dues, having been granted, the work of wiring the building began in June and was not completed until September 18, the time of the first illumination.

Twenty-First Annual Session.

The twenty-first annual session opened September 12, 1912. The enrollment was smaller than for the past two years. Seventy-eight students have been entered, representing eighteen States and the District of Columbia. Mexico has one representative and Korea has two. A glance at these statistics will show the wide extent of our patronage, and a more intimate knowledge of the institution would show that its aim and scope are equally world-inclusive.

The opening address of the session was made by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President of the Board of Managers. His theme, "Planted Light," was peculiarly apropos, based as it was on Psalm xciv. 11: "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."

Rev. Trigg Thomas, pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, conducted the devotional service, conveying a helpful message to every Christian worker present. The auspicious opening was an index to the year, marked by progress.

Changes in the Faculty.

The growth of the Department of Domestic Science has made enlargement necessary, and at the beginning of the year it was deemed advisable to have two members of the faculty placed in charge of the department. Mrs. Harriet Rosser Jackson, Austin, Tex., was elected to fill the position of matron and director of household work; and Miss Irma Ray, a graduate of Pratt Institute, was chosen as instructor in cookery. The plan has succeeded well, and we need make no change in it for the present, unless we could employ Miss Ray for a longer period each week.

Department Work.

All departments have made progress, but there are no marked changes to record. Dr. J. E. Hunt, specialist in diseases of children, has been added to the able body of medical lecturers. Household arts have been emphasized more than formerly. The students have done excellent work, and are convinced that the faculty cannot be surpassed—an opinion which is shared by their Principal after years of experience and increasing knowledge of the curricula of other similar institutions.

Valued Gifts.

Our gifts this year are reminders that men and women are appreciating more than ever before the needs of the school and its power in the Church.

The first gift promised was \$2,000 from Mrs. George Gaulbert, Louisville, Ky., toward a building fund for the extension of the dining room and other portions of the east wing. Her absence in Europe delayed the remittance until after the Treasurer's report had been closed; but the check for \$2,000, which came in February, is now bearing interest, and we hope that it may prove a nucleus for other gifts until the amount needed is in hand.

The Foreign Department's appropriation of \$2,000 has been mentioned, but it would take pages to record the blessings it has brought.

The electric light installation, including handsome fixtures, amounting to nearly \$1,875, has lightened our hearts as well as our dwelling.

Next to the electric lights, the gift that has given increasing pleasure to the household is the imported Holland shades that have improved the appearance of the building by having all the windows harmonious in coloring. This gift came through Mrs. Hendrix and Mr. Chick, who contributed \$200 toward its purchase.

One gift that came after the books of the Financial Secretary had been closed must be mentioned here. A check for \$2,500 from the South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society was indeed a

great boon, being given to cancel the note of \$2,500 which Mr. J. S. Chick as Treasurer had borrowed to prevent an overdraft on the endowment and had given his personal note as security. This generous deed frees the endowment of all indebtedness, and we pledge our united effort to prevent another overdraft. And yet, in view of the cost of living and need for repairs and enlargement, there is but one means possible to secure this end—viz., to increase the productive endowment.

Gifts that would delight the heart of any housekeeper have rejoiced our hearts this year. The silver shower and linen shower, which came as such a surprise at Christmas to celebrate the twenty-first Christmas anniversary of the institution, greatly increased our material riches. The idea of the silver shower originated with Mrs. Henry S. Owen, of Kansas City, who, with the aid of Mrs. E. R. Hendrix, Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, and Mrs. L. R. Moore, secured from thirty-six friends in Kansas City, nearly all of whom are members of our Church, this beautiful gift which furnished nine tables with all needed silver. The gift complete comprises six dozen knives, six dozen forks, six dozen dessert spoons, twelve dozen teaspoons, two and a half dozen tablespoons, one and a half dozen sugar spoons, nine butter knives, nine soup ladles, and nine carving sets—all in plain, handsome design of Reed & Barton's best triple plate.

The linen shower was the thought of Mrs. Jackson, our new matron, who suggested to the junior class the idea of sending Training School postals to friends asking them to contribute some article of linen, of their own handiwork if possible, to replenish the very scant supply of centerpieces, dresser scarfs, towels, and napkins in the Training School. The result of this individual appeal to personal friends exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Five hundred different articles were received, many of which are handsomely embroidered by hand and trimmed with handmade lace. The gifts filled two large clothes baskets when they were presented to "Miss Scarritt" on Christmas night.

The fourth birthday anniversary of Wade Watkins Turnage, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Turnage, of Water Valley, Miss., brought \$40. Since his birth his parents have sent an annual gift of \$10 for each year they have had the joy of calling him "son"—a beautiful custom indeed.

Other gifts have made us debtors. Fruit, preserves, and other table luxuries have been sent by individuals and societies, and friends have contributed sums toward Christmas baskets and for the institution, leaving the direction of the gift to the judgment of the Principal.

For all these gifts and for the underlying interest and affection for the school and the principles for which it stands we are devoutly grateful.

Publications and Correspondence.

A new yearbook was issued during the summer, and the demand for it has been gratifying. It will be necessary to publish another soon if the demand for information concerning the school continues. New

supplies of blanks and reports have also been printed. The correspondence has been heavy, and presents both amusing and pathetic features. Considered as a sacred trust from the Lord, such correspondence affords wonderful opportunities for service in guiding and counseling young women in their life plans and in becoming the depository of confidences that are of vital importance in the development of womanhood.

Endowment.

The Trueheart Lectureship has been completed this year out of the \$2 assessment, which was continued at the recommendation of Miss Bennett. This was according to the direction of the Woman's Missionary Council, and pays a well-deserved tribute to a noble woman.

The endowment of the Fannie Hitch Lectureship by the South Georgia Conference Woman's Missionary Society brings \$5,000 into the productive endowment this year. The saintly woman whose love and zeal inspired the gift was called to higher service in the presence of the Master before the amount required had been paid, and the Conference appropriately named it in her honor, a monument more enduring than marble and bronze. A large increase of endowment is imperative, if the proposed plans mature, to improve the course of instruction in order to meet the needs for technical training.

Honored Memorial Roll.

The year has been notable for light and shadow. Mingled with our note of rejoicing there has been a minor strain because death touched the very heart of the institution and has also claimed some of our long-cherished friends. Two noble women, who were charter members of the Scarritt Bible and Training School and had been enrolled on its Board of Managers for a score of years, were called to their heavenly home this year. Mrs. Maria Davis Wightman, of Charleston, S. C., died last May. Mrs. Wightman had rendered loving and beautiful service to this school with a deep and tender devotion. Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, of Nashville, Tenn., a tried and true friend in the pioneer days of the institution, and always vitally interested in its progress, went home in July after a long and distressing illness. She was a woman of heroic mold, and did a great work, of which we are proud. Mrs. S. W. Hitch, of Waycross, Ga., Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Missionary Society, Foreign Department, died November 6. Mrs. Hitch was a loyal, devoted friend, who for many years had proved her love by her work for the school. We truly mourn these deaths as friends beloved. Who will take their places?

But some, whose loss has impoverished us, were young and with expectation and promise of years of useful service. Miss Kate Kell, of St. Louis, Mo., who graduated in the class of 1912, a deaconess of lovely character and high ideals, died in July after weeks of suffering. In September Miss Sophia Manns, of China, entered eternal life after a

brief illness. The saddest of all was the death of Miss Elma Perrine, of El Dorado Springs, Mo., who, on November 2, 1912, as she was returning from her district visiting for the pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was robbed and mortally wounded by an unknown youth, dying the same night. There are mysteries in our lives that we cannot understand, but we must testify to the never-failing grace of God, who sustained the household and quieted their alarm amid the grief and consternation caused by this tragedy.

Plans for Future Extension.

The experience of twenty-one years has proved that there is still further need for expansion. The age demands specializing in all forms of service, and this demand affects Christian activities as well as business callings. A foreign missionary or deaconess to-day requires not only general knowledge of her work, but specific training along the line of her natural gifts; and a missionary training school should be prepared to meet this issue and give this special instruction. Our curriculum has been modified and altered to include special training in domestic science and domestic art; but more time must be given and more equipment provided in order to do efficient work along these and other needed lines. The preparation of missionaries and deaconesses must take first place in missionary service, inasmuch as the worker so greatly surpasses the work she is commissioned to perform. How can the work of Christ be properly developed in this or other countries unless the worker is prepared to grasp the present-day problems and skilled to do definite, high-class work? To my mind, the work of this and similar schools excels in importance any other line of Christian activity, for here the workmen are prepared who shall carry on the work to which they have been divinely called.

Class of 1913.

Owing to illness, family misfortune, and other personal reasons, the class of 1913 has been so reduced in number that it is smaller than any of the classes of recent years. It is only fifteen in number, but its members rank well, and the faculty indorses them as capable of rendering effective service in Christian and non-Christian lands. They represent seven States and two foreign countries. Seven have made application for appointment under the Woman's Missionary Council as foreign missionary candidates, and five have been recommended for consecration to the office of deaconess, while the others, for satisfactory reasons, will defer their applications until next year. The personnel of the class is as follows: Miss Mattie Anderson, Alpine, Tex.; Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Gray Court, S. C.; Miss Mary J. Baxter, Huntsville, Ala.; Miss Lola E. Brown, Selma, Cal.; Mrs. Blanche B. Carr, Greensboro, S. C.; Miss Mary E. Fausnaugh, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Comanche, Tex.; Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul, Korea, Asia;

Miss Bessie Hardie, Seoul, Korea, Asia; Miss Olive Lipscomb, Jackson, Miss.; Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango, Mexico; Miss Marie Parham, Bullochville, Ga.; Miss Laura Bell Proctor, De Kalb, Tex.; Miss Falla Richardson, Corinth, Miss.; Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex.

The graduating exercises will be held on Tuesday, May 20.

For the first time in the history of the institution the daughters of missionary parents will receive diplomas and apply for appointment to the field where their parents are at work. This seems a fulfillment of the promise: "I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring."

Reviewing the year, we realize that the blessing of God has enriched the life of the school, and that, through the beautiful service of the Woman's Missionary Council and other friends who have ministered to the school in supplying material gifts, this annual meeting finds the institution in better condition than ever before except in the enrollment of students. The house is in better repair, the endowment is larger, and more interest is manifested in the welfare and progress of the school than in any previous year. We remember with gratitude the mercies and progress of the past, and we look forward with hope to greater achievements for God, to better equipment to train the Christian young womanhood of our Church for his service, and thus to secure increased triumph for the kingdom of our Redeemer and Lord.

M. L. GIBSON, *Principal*.

Following the report, Mrs. Robert L. Hawkins offered a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Wightman and Mrs. Trueheart, which was adopted by a standing vote.

The interest of the meeting was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, who came from Nashville as a member of the committee appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council at its last annual session. Her visit was appreciated the more because the other members of the committee were unable to attend.

Discussion of finances led to action concerning the payment of salaries. Mr. Moore moved that the salaries now paid directly to members of the faculty by the two departments of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. J. S. Chick, by Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, and that all salaries be paid by Mr. Chick to the Financial Secretary, who shall pay the teachers. This action was intended to make all transactions show on the books of both the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Principal set forth the urgent need for an increased endowment and an additional building to contain a gymnasium and classrooms designed for household and manual arts—a department which needs enlargement and special equipment for the training of leaders for boys' clubs and classes. After discussion of the expense and the inadequacy of the endowment to meet needs for such extension, Mr. Moore moved that the Board of Managers undertake to raise an additional endowment

fund of \$100,000 by securing shares at \$100 each. The motion was adopted unanimously. Four hundred dollars was pledged immediately, and the Chair appointed Dr. C. W. Moore and the Principal a committee to take the matter under advisement and to work out details.

The Board recommends for reelection the three managers whose terms expire in 1913, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Mrs. R. F. Mastin, and Mrs. Robert L. Hawkins; also the election of Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, of Kansas City, Mo., Treasurer of the Home Department of the Southwest Missouri Conference Woman's Missionary Society, to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. M. D. Wightman.

Dr. William M. Reed, of Kansas City, was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees caused by the death of Maj. James F. Mister.

The record of the year is most gratifying to us as a Board of Managers, and we are grateful to the Council for its unabated interest and generous support. The women trained in the institution are its highest proof that you made a wise investment when you founded the school.

Respectfully submitted.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Secretary*.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.—FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1912, TO JANUARY 1, 1913.

For endowments:

Home Department	\$1,243 14
Foreign Department:	
For Trueheart Lectureship	\$1,682 61
For F. W. Hitch Lectureship	3,750 00
For balance on \$2 assessment	33 97—\$5,466 58
Marcia Marvin Scholarship, South Georgia Conference	\$ 45 65
Helen Finlay Scholarship, North Mississippi Conference	111 51
Tennessee Conference Scholarship (completed)	143 54— 300 70— 5,767 28
Total for endowments	\$7,010 42
For note of J. S. Chick, Treasurer, South Carolina Conference	313 47
Refunds on loans.....	\$1,209 59
Interest on loans:	
From students	\$ 96 96
From balance, J. S. Chick, Treasurer..	80 00— 176 96— 1,386 55
From J. S. Chick, Treasurer, account of new loans	1,190 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. S. Chick, Treasurer.

For productive endowment:

Home Department\$1,243 14

Foreign Department 5,466 58—\$6,709 72

For scholarship endowment 300 70—\$7,010 42

Refunds on loans\$1,209 59

Interest on loans 176 96—\$1,386 55

For note of J. S. Chick, Treasurer..... 313 47— 1,700 02

Loans to students during year 1,190 00

\$9,900 44

MEMORANDA.

Productive endowment, amount forwarded.....\$62,436 35

Productive endowment, added this year..... 6,709 72—\$69,146 07

Scholarship endowment, amount forwarded.....\$50,752 70

Scholarship endowment, added this year..... 300 70—\$51,053 40

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS FROM JANUARY 1, 1912, TO JANUARY 1, 1913.

Receipts.

Balance brought forward	\$ 219 86
J. S. Chick, Treasurer, account of scholarships....	\$ 3,230 00
Board of all other students	8,434 99
Book account	722 64
Board account	615 30
Office expense	93 62
Household expense	203 58
Furniture and fixtures	575 64
General expense	138 00
Incidental fees	97 00
Students' car fare from churches	94 80
Repair account	7 00
S. H. Babcock Library	57 30
J. B. Barnum Library	9 60
Cleora Murphy Library	7 35
Sociology Library	5 00
M. L. Gibson Library	1 80
Dish-Washing Fund	25 75
Sociology Outline Fund	24 75
Infirmary	71 89
Special donations, undirected	4,038 00
Advance Club	213 00
Domestic Arts	19 15
Woman's Missionary Council, Foreign Department	1,000 00
Alumnæ scholarship	106 00— 19,792 16

\$20,012 02

Disbursements.

To J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for note.....	\$ 2,000 00
Fuel and light	\$ 1,423 36
Domestic Science room	5 94
Book account	678 42
Water supply	147 99
Office expense	905 50
Household expense	11,466 71
Furniture and fixtures	795 82
General expense	291 03
Cooking school supplies	1 75
Students' car fare	275 00
Repair account	1,475 66
S. H. Babcock Library	89 55
J. B. Barnum Library	17 34
Student Volunteer Library	2 45
Sociology Library	32 40
M. L. Gibson Library	34 07
Sociology Outline Fund	21 95
Infirmity account	59 65
Advance Club	1 75
Domestic Arts	36 60
Refund on L. McDaniel Scholarship to Mrs. Mas- tin, Treasurer	90 00
Refunds to Lula Hale	38 00— 17,890 94
Balance on hand.....	121 08
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	\$20,012 02

SUMMARY FOR YEAR.

January 1, 1912, balance brought forward.....	\$ 219 86
Receipts:	
On school accounts	\$19,792 16
On endowments, loans, etc.	9,900 44— 29,692 60
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	\$29,912 46
Disbursements:	
On school accounts	\$17,890 94
On note of J. S. Chick, Treasurer.....	2,313 47
On endowments, loans, and interest	9,586 97—\$29,791 38
January 1, 1913, balance on hand.....	121 08
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	\$29,912 46

Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, *Secretary.*

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

MABEL K. HOWELL.

With the close of this school session I complete my tenth year as teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, having entered upon the work in the fall of 1903. How time takes to itself wings! It seems but yesterday. They have been years of glad and willing service. I count no privilege greater than that of having a part in molding the lives of those who have dedicated themselves to the work of the extension of the kingdom of God.

The work of this department has been conducted as heretofore on two lines—classroom instruction and practice work. Theory and practice have always gone hand in hand. In neither of these has there been any marked change this year. The effort has been to build on the foundation already laid a more thorough structure.

During the year five different courses have been offered—two in the junior and three in the senior. For all of these carefully arranged syllabi have been prepared and every effort made to give the student the benefit of the best possible helps. The research library has been made stronger by the addition of new books. The junior courses deal with American social problems grouped as "The Family Group of Social Problems," "The Industrial Group of Social Problems," and "The Miscellaneous Group of Social Problems." The senior courses are "The Church and Social Service" and "The Study of the Principles of Scientific Philanthropy." For the foreign mission candidates a special senior course is offered on "The Sociological Aspects of Foreign Missions," in which course the social results of Christian missions is especially emphasized. In all these classes the ground has been thoroughly covered and the subjects carefully discussed.

The appreciation of the work of our students is very apparent in the increasing demand of the different organizations of the city for their assistance. There is the most cordial coöperation between the different social and religious organizations of the city and the Training School. This gives the students a splendid opportunity for practice work. The home mission students this year have received practical training in the following lines of activity:

1. *Bible-Teaching.* Two noonday classes, averaging seventy-five each, have been conducted in the Loose-Wiles candy factory, with the heartiest coöperation of the management, ten classes in the Institutional Church Sunday School, three at the Young Women's Christian Association, four in the Gillis Orphans' Home, and two neighborhood Bible classes.

2. *Club Work.* One boys' club and one mothers' club at the Institutional Church and two girls' and young women's clubs at the Young Women's Christian Association have given weekly practical training.

3. *Cooking Classes.* Weekly instruction covering two years is given

at the Training School by a teacher from Teachers' College, New York, and practice work has been done in two classes at the Institutional Church.

4. *Sewing Classes.* Weekly instruction has been given in domestic art in the Training School by the teacher of domestic art, and the students have had practice work in the same at the sewing school at the Institutional Church and also at the Young Women's Christian Association.

5. *Housekeeping Classes.* One class in which the principles of house-keeping have been taught to children is conducted all through the year by the students under the leadership of Deaconess Fuess, of the Institutional Church.

6. *Girls' Camp-Fire Work.* This work has been carried on under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association in one of the public schools of the city.

7. *Home Visitation and Rehabilitation.* Each junior student has been assigned a district including several blocks, in which several house-to-house visitations have been made. All findings have been tabulated by the card catalogue system and every effort made to uplift the homes.

8. *Evangelistic Work.* Meetings are conducted regularly under the auspices of the Society for the Friendless at the City Woman's Reformatory and the Helping Hand Institute. A young people's gospel service has been conducted at the Institutional Church. The students have also assisted in occasional meetings at the county jail.

While no one student can receive training in all of these lines, yet care is taken to give each one the training she seems to need most, and the weekly and monthly report meetings keep all the students in close touch and sympathy with each other's work and methods.

A very helpful, practical course is the one in the inspection of social agencies. Kansas City is very rich in her social spirit and institutions, and in visits of inspection made to twenty or more such agencies the students have a chance to see their place in the work of the city's uplift. The heartiest coöperation has been given by the social workers in the city in making it possible for our school to get the very most from these observations. This year the class will have studied the work of the girls' and boys' hotels, the juvenile court, the Home for the Aged, the Roman Catholic boys' orphanage, the Institutional Church, two social settlements, the work of the Missouri Home-Finding Society, the Board of Public Welfare, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Associated Charities, and the Helping Hand. Each year the students have a better opportunity than the year before to see the very best methods at work. This year our city is agitating the open-air schools for weak children and a negro Young Men's Christian Association. Our Helping Hand Institute is also to have a beautiful new, modern, up-to-date municipal building which will house all of its activities. The value of seeing work actually in operation cannot be overestimated in the training of a social worker.

In the Home Mission Band the candidates for home work have made a careful study of the work of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council. Our young women come largely from the Leagues and young people's societies of their home Churches, few of them ever having been a member of an adult missionary society; so we find it necessary to give instruction along the lines of the adult work, and for that reason we have a regularly organized school missionary society.

Four of our home mission students had the privilege of special training in institutions during the summer vacation between their two years with us—one at the Wesley House in Atlanta, Ga., one at the Kingdom House, St. Louis, and two at the Institutional Church, Kansas City. This summer experience means much in developing the confidence of the student and gives them a chance to test their ability as well as their purpose, and acts almost like a term of probation.

In addition to teaching and supervising the practice work of the home mission students, I have attended and given instruction along lines of social service work in the Missouri Conference, the Southwest Missouri Conference, and the Denton School of Missions. I have addressed the student body at Central College and the Student Volunteer Conference of Western Missouri, held at Park College. As representing the department, I have attended the meeting of the Southern Sociological Congress and the Religious Education Association. A manual on social service for the help of auxiliary Fourth Vice Presidents has been prepared.

METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL.—DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

ESTELLE HASKIN, DIRECTOR.

The year that has just passed has, as usual, been filled to the full with the joy and duty of service—the service of helping to prepare others to enter into a life work, and also touching directly and indirectly the Master's needy ones.

We have had constantly under our direct supervision between twenty-five and thirty students. It is not realized just what is involved in this, for it means constant conferences with these individual students concerning their work in the field, the correctness of their plans, and the "making of the rounds" to see that these plans are properly executed.

The classroom work includes lectures on social observation, Sunday school methods of teaching, methods of club and industrial class work, and also Bible-readings and Bible-teaching. The students are given class practice work along these different lines.

The work has also meant the responsibility for the carrying on of fifteen different features of work in various parts of the city, including one graded Sunday school, two sewing schools, two story hours, one Chapter of the Camp-Fire Girls, one girls' brigade, two boys' clubs, one

teacher-training class, one Bible class, one mothers' club, two cooking classes, and one kitchen-garden.

Over four hundred people have been touched weekly by these students and the director, and a large part of these four hundred have been touched more than once a week.

The spirit of the students in their practical work has been excellent. There has been in almost every case a voluntary willingness and promptness and a real interest in those being served. Already the task has become serious and real, and in no sense is the work looked upon as mere practice work. This has been evident by the fact that whenever certain blocks in the visiting district have been left without a visitor there has been a real heartfelt demand on the part of the people that a student be sent to them. Another evidence of the good of even the transient work of the students is in the testimony of the resident deaconess. She graduated from the school four years ago, and upon her return this year she states that the change in the community has been such that it amounts to quite a transformation.

A real and vital part of our activities this year has been directed to the large negro district which lies just two blocks west of the school.

When we gathered in our own gymnasium at Thanksgiving and at Christmas time one hundred and fifty of these little neighbors, we realized that indeed Africa lay at our very door. As these dark faces looked into ours in their almost pathetic joy, as we listened to their songs and stories rendered in their own soulful and dramatic way, we realized more than ever that there was very much in this despised race that was worth saving, not only for its own sake, but also for our country's sake.

We were enabled to undertake the work through the courtesy extended by a colored Presbyterian Church in letting us have the use of a Sunday school room. When the room was secured, then there came the question of janitor hire, fuel, lights, and kindergarten and club material. This demand was, however, quickly met largely through the sacrifices made by different members of the school, and not only was the money given, but almost without an exception the students have been anxious to give themselves in service.

Better still, perhaps, has been the real interest on the part of the negro mothers in the work we are doing. The mothers' club has begun to help in a small way by furnishing lunch for the kindergarten children.

Not only is this true, but a vital interest is being taken by the negro schools of Nashville in this work of social service. Walden University has sent volunteers for work, and Fisk University has asked for co-operation in training their senior students in sociology.

The work is located in a large congested district which is full of vital problems. However, we cannot continue for long under present conditions because of lack of equipment and a building that can be controlled for the work.

Whereas there is this ripe opportunity in Nashville for service both in the uplift of the negro race and in training the better class of college students for service; and whereas Nashville is a center of opportunity for inspiring the Church at large, and the students of the Methodist Training School in particular, for service to this race, therefore we respectfully recommend that the Woman's Missionary Council grant an appropriation sufficient to establish the second center for negro extension work.

METHODIST DORMITORY.

State College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, MANAGER.

Owing to the increased attendance in the College of Industrial Arts, we have been crowded the whole year. To accommodate our overflow, we have placed two girls in the upper hall, three in what has always been two girls' rooms, and four in our chapel. This has given us fifty-eight instead of fifty, as last year. Besides, we have a number of our waiting list who could not get in, as we had no more space to fill. By managing this way, we have not had the usual shrinkage caused by some leaving school before the close.

For want of room at the church, the Sunday school class of the girls of the College of Industrial Arts has held all of its meetings here this year. I have been the teacher because no one else would consent to do the work. You will wonder how we provided for the class, as the chapel was used for a bedroom. On Sunday mornings the curtains which divide the room are drawn back, folding chairs arranged, hymn books and Bible placed, flowers put on table and piano, and you would hardly suspect the room to be a bedroom. The beds look like inviting window seats, and all other suggestive things are hidden by the drawn curtains.

METHODIST PHILATHEA BIBLE CLASS.

This class numbers ninety-six, with an average attendance of seventy-five. It would delight you to know how responsive these girls are. They have this year given \$15 to the orphanage and \$35 on the pastor's salary, and have borne their part of the Sunday school expenses. They are working on self-denial contributions to be given the Church for special work. The girls have been doing some practical missionary work in visiting the byways of the town and the rural schools within a radius of four miles of town. The result has been an eye-opener and created the desire to do helpful things. Some have found a mission at their back door, and have volunteered to teach the lowly neighbor the practical lessons about sewing and cooking that they have learned in the college.

If you could know of the work done here, I believe you would say that the religious life of this college centers in the Methodist Dormitory.

We have already had more applications for rooms next year than we

can accommodate. More and more our people are learning the value of this dormitory, so that a larger per cent of our girls are Methodists.

I would like to emphasize that we have this year paid from our current expense fund \$1,000 on our building debt, and at the same time met all other obligations in the way of household expenses, repairs, and some improvements.

The debt on the building is decreasing rapidly, as some of the Texas Conferences have taken hold of it. This work is just as needful as any mission work in the Church, and can be done at much less expense than much work that is done. Every State school needs just what we have here at the College of Industrial Arts, and such institutions would help to save and hold our girls.

What has been done to make this work a success is due to the guidance of our Father, whose promises are sure.

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND OF METHODIST DORMITORY FOR YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1913.

Receipts.

From board of girls, piano rentals, extra meals, etc.....\$9,602 05

Disbursements.

For household expenses, including groceries, salaries, repairs,
wages, and improvements\$8,135 50
Paid to Mrs. F. H. E. Ross for mission home bond 1,000 00

\$9,135 50

Balance on hand\$ 466 55

Of this amount, \$300 is assurance fees for year beginning September 1, 1913.

REPORT OF BUILDING FUNDS.

Receipts.

North Texas Conference, Home Mission Department,
one-half of dues\$ 600 00
North Texas Conference, Home Mission Department,
through Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, General Treasurer,
and others 1,239 75
West Texas Conference, Home Mission Department. 361 00
Northwest Texas Conference, Home Mission Department
ment 255 00
From Mrs. W. D. Haynie, Rice, Tex. 1,000 00
From Mrs. B. J. Williams, Greenville, Tex. 1,000 00
From Methodist Dormitory 1,000 00
From other sources 1,000 00—\$6,455 75

Disbursements.

To Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for three mission home bonds	\$3,000 00
To Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, General Treasurer, for mission home bonds	2,800 00
Interest on mortgage	283 75
Interest on bonds	136 00—\$6,219 75
Balance on hand	\$ 236 00

Two mission home bonds remain unpaid, and we can safely say that these will be paid this year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CITY MISSIONS AND DEACONESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

The city mission work of the Woman's Missionary Council has been greatly prospered this year. Lack of available trained workers seems to be the only limit placed upon its growth and efficiency.

Thirty-seven City Mission Boards carry on work in 21 Wesley Houses, 3 large institutions in congested centers, 5 coöperative homes, 1 hospital, and 1 Door of Hope. They work in 14 foreign communities, 12 cotton mill communities, 3 mining sections, and 8 native congested communities. They conducted and cared for 9 nurseries, 781 babies, 14 kindergartens, 660 children; 58 industrial schools, 2,628 students; 15 night schools, 1,042 students; 51 boys' clubs, 994 boys; 18 free reading rooms, 20,459 persons attending; 16 girls' clubs, 605 girls; 11 young women's clubs, 334 enrolled; 16 mothers' clubs, 670 enrolled; 13 dispensaries, 10,320 patients. Total amount of current expenses, \$59,677.45.

Deaconesses and Missionaries.

The workers carrying forward this work are: In foreign work, 19 deaconesses, 18 missionaries; cotton mills, 17 deaconesses, 7 missionaries; negro work, two deaconesses and 4 missionaries; Church deaconesses, 14; missionary, 1; in coöperative homes, 4; missionary deaconess, 1; traveler's aid, 3 deaconesses, 1 missionary; rescue work, 1 deaconess and 1 missionary. Total, 108 trained workers and 637 volunteers.

A glance at the appointments made at the last session of the Council shows many changes in the personnel of workers when compared with the missions as they stand to-day. Following the roll, we find Asheville served by Miss Susie Belle Jeter because of the ill health of Miss Maybelle Marshall; Augusta is served by Miss Grace Jackson as supply because of the ill health of Miss Annie Trawick; Miss Ida Stevens is at

Baltimore because of the failure of health of Miss De Etta Whitwell; Beaumont is wiped off the list because of the marriage of Miss Bessie Wilhoit; Miss Dollie Crim is located at Ensley, as Miss Annie Bass declined to accept appointment on account of her mother's extreme ill health. The coal fields appointment did not materialize, as Miss Willena Henry had to submit to an operation which made it unwise for her to endure the roughness of a mining community. Upon petition of the pastor, she was returned to Crossett. Miss Leila Bunkley has kindly supplied at St. Mark's Hall because of the illness of Miss Margaret Ragland. Miss Ida Hockemeyer was under contract of marriage, which made it unwise to open a new field for a few months. Miss Irene Boyles was secured for Knoxville, as Miss Berta Thomas was returned to Bristol. Miss Ethelyn Knapp was transferred to Corinth, Miss., to open work, and Miss Mattie Cunningham filled the vacancy at Memphis. Miss Bessie Allen was called from Nashville because of family demands, and Miss Annie Rector, of Virginia, was secured to fill the unexpired term. Because of protracted ill health, Miss Stella Womack was unable to go to Wilmington. In January Miss Addie Patillo was transferred to Wolff Mission, at Tampa, as the Church at Spray could not finance the deaconess work. Miss Edith Fuess was moved from Kansas City because of Church dissension at Springfield. In January Miss Kathron Wilson severed her connection at New Orleans to accept a position in Lander College, Greenwood, S. C. Death claimed Miss Kate Kell before she entered upon the employ for which she had spent four years in preparation. We believe that death is only an incident in life, and that she ministers in a realm where the Father had larger need.

City Board have been organized this year at Attalla, Ala., Norfolk, and San Francisco, and are listed among applicants for deaconesses or missionaries. Handsome buildings at Houston, Mobile, and Meridian have been erected this year, which give character and permanence to the work.

It has been my pleasure and profit to visit thirteen of the thirty-seven city mission centers where we have representatives at work. In eleven of these I found the work encouraging; but at Asheville and Portsmouth it is not well planned or adapted to the needs of the communities.

In accordance with your instruction, report blanks for City Mission Boards were prepared and issued, and, with one exception, they are proving helpful.

We recommend the following women for consecration to the work and office of deaconess and for appointment under the Woman's Missionary Council: Miss Mattie Anderson, Alpine, Tex.; Miss Lola E. Brown, Selma, Cal.; Miss Hazel Cooper, Linden, Ala.; Miss Lucy R. Epps, Newberry, S. C.; Miss Mary Fausnaugh, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Sarah Hearon, Denver, Colo.; Miss Mary Meriwether, Trenton, Ky.; Miss Laura Belle Proctor, De Kalb, Tex.; Miss Falla Richardson, Corinth, Miss.

We recommend the following new candidates for appointment as city missionaries and kindergartners: Miss Ethel Cunningham, Columbia, Mo.; Miss Josephine Dreyer, St. Joseph, Mo.; Miss Nellie McClain, Martin, Tenn.; Miss Helen Shugart, Cleveland, Tenn.; Miss Zadie W. Young, Phoenix, Ala.

REPORT No. 2.

We recommend the renewal of the certificates of the following deaconesses and their appointment by this Council: Miss Lillie Black, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Cora Borchers, Miss Ella Bowden, Miss Rosa Breeden, Miss Emma Burton, Miss Ellen Cloud, Miss Mattie Cunningham, Miss Elizabeth Cox, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Mary Daniel, Miss Mary De Bardeleben, Miss Florida Dewar, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Miss Jennie Ducker, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss Martha DuPree, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Connie Fagan, Miss Mary Frankland, Miss Edith Feuss, Miss Ellen Gainey, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Aletha Graham, Miss Cordelia Godbey, Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Mary Hanscom, Miss Etta Heflin, Miss Willina Henry, Miss Nannette Hudson, Mrs. Alameda Hewitt, Miss Eliza Iles, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Susie Belle Jeter, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Edith Leighty, Miss Myrtle Long, Miss Fannie Mann, Miss Maybelle Marshall, Miss Selina Monohan, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss Adeline Peeples, Miss Addie Patillo, Miss Constance Palmore, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Mayme Reams, Miss Sara Regan, Miss Myrtle Rhudy, Miss Nell Rogers, Miss Zaida Royalty, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Eunice Segars, Miss Hattye Sellars, Miss Alice Sheider, Miss Mae Shelton, Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Carolyn Smith, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Miss Ida Stevens, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Berta Thomas, Miss Lois Tinsley, Miss Eva Waddell, Miss Mollie Womack, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Mabel Wheeler, Miss De Etta Whitwell, Miss Mattie Wright, Miss Nell Wynn.

Miss Elizabeth Cox, Miss Mary Franklin, and Miss Grace Hemenway, while desiring renewal of certificates, ask for release from appointment this year for family reasons. Miss Alice Jones, Miss Evelyn Knapp, and Miss Bessie Wilhoite desire to give up their deaconess relations for personal reasons. Miss Cornelia Wickers withdraws temporarily at her own request.

The following city missionaries are recommended for reappointment: Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Grace Jackson, Miss Helen Burr, Miss Dolie Crim, Miss Josephine Guffin, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Roberta Baker, Miss Anna Koch, Miss Sarah Lowder, Miss Martha Norburn, Miss Susie Mitchell, Mrs. M. L. Stone, Mrs. L. Meekin, Miss Lulu Cason, Miss Roberta Stubbs, Miss Janette Haskin, Miss Willie Terrell, Miss Sue Herrick, Miss Eva Dorton, Miss Mattie Hamby, Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton, Miss Frances Denton, Miss Annie Rector, Miss Irene Boyles, Mrs. M. C. Floweree, Miss Laura Padgett.

REPORT No. 3.

Whereas there has come from the field a demand for a few slight changes in the new standard constitution adopted at the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council, we recommend the following changes:

1. That Section 2 of Division 4 on committees be amended by adding a new sentence to follow the first sentence—namely: "Where a large number of Churches are represented in the City Board, a smaller committee may be chosen."

2. That the words, "In her absence the Vice President shall preside," be taken from the first by-law, and that the second by-law be completely dropped and in its place be substituted the following: "The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and assist the President in her efforts to advance the interests of the work."

Whereas there has arisen in some places a question regarding the relation of kindergartners to the work of the city mission, therefore be it

Resolved, That a kindergartner accepted and appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council shall sustain the same relation to the work as any deaconess or city missionary, and shall be regarded as a missionary. She shall assume her part of responsibility in the general work of the institution and assist in the other activities, but not to such an extent as shall interfere with the best development of her own department.

Whereas the Secretary of the Home Department at the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council was asked to take up the matter of financial plan with City Boards or other agencies employing deaconesses; and whereas the communications from these City Boards show that the majority of those employing deaconesses favor an increase of stipend rather than a change of financial basis, therefore we recommend that the stipend be increased to \$20 per month, this change to take effect after January 1, 1914.

REPORT No. 4.

Whereas a demand has come for a revision of the "City Mission Manual" to fit the new united organization and the new regulations regarding city mission and deaconess work, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Council order such a "Manual" to be prepared, and that Miss Howell be asked to do the work.

Whereas for good and sufficient reasons a missionary candidate is sometimes employed by the Home Department whose papers are in the hands of the Foreign Department, and *vice versa*, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee work out a plan whereby the papers of missionary applicants may be transferred from one department of the Council to the other.

Whereas there has come a petition from the Church deaconesses and pastors to have a guide to be placed in their hands setting forth a definition of the duties of a Church deaconess, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Council order such an annual prepared.

REPORT No. 5.

Whereas the faculty of Fisk University are asking for coöperation in the social center for negro work in Nashville; and whereas we believe this to be a large opportunity in the way of helping to train and helping to give the senior classes of Fisk a real missionary spirit; therefore be it

Resolved, That we adopt the following plan of coöperation:

1. That the Council shall appoint the workers, select the site for the conduct of the work, and shall have charge of all general policies.

2. That a committee of seven shall be appointed to plan the details of the work and plan for the interest of the community betterment. This committee shall be composed of two members from the Council, resident in Nashville, two from the Methodist Training School faculty, the resident worker, and two from the Fisk University faculty to be selected by that body.

The Deaconess Committee, in accordance with the request of the deaconesses and of this Council, submit the following course of study for the deaconesses for the year 1913-14:

Bible Study: "The Life of Christ," by Burton.

Sociological: "The Church in Changing Order," by Mathews.

Social Hygiene: "Education with Reference to Sex," by Henderson.

Biography: "A Life of John Wesley" or "A Life of the Earl of Shaftesbury," the editions to be selected later.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Standing Committee on Literature of the Woman's Missionary Council met in Nashville, at the Publishing House, at 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning, July 23, 1912, with Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Editorial Secretary, in the chair.

The following members were present: Mesdames A. L. Marshall, F. F. Stephens, J. E. Grubbs, Arch Trawick, Miss Head, and, by invitation of the chairman, Miss Ada Trawick.

The opening hymn was "Break Thou the Bread of Life." Mrs. Marshall read the fifth, sixth, and seventh verses of the first chapter of James, after which Mrs. Stephens led in prayer. Mrs. Marshall stated the object of the meeting: "To consider and revise the proof of the book of "Helps," to plan the *Yearbook* for 1913, to revise the catalogue of publications, and to plan "Helps and Entertainments for Young People and Children."

All suggestions for "Helps for Missionary Societies" had been previously submitted by correspondence to the thirteen members of the committee, making the final revision easier of accomplishment at this time. Supplementary to the *Yearbook*, the monthly leaflets for adults, young people, and children were planned for the Home and Foreign Departments—forty-eight in all—and writers for the same were selected.

The plan for the *Yearbook* for 1913, which had been formulated by the Editorial Secretary after consulting plans and programs of all the other Protestant Mission Boards, was approved and worked over in some detail.

The material that had been gathered together for "Helps and Entertainments for Young People and Children" was also submitted to the committee. It was decided to publish this material in two separate books—one for the young people, ranging from fourteen to twenty, and one for the children under that age. The final arrangement of these two books for publication was given over to two small subcommittees.

A very arduous part of the duties of the Committee on Literature while in session was a thorough examination of the entire stock of leaflet literature owned by the Missionary Council, discarding or revising those that were out of date, and suggesting others for building up the weak places.

This work made it possible for the Editorial Secretary to get out a new catalogue of publications for 1913, classified according to subjects.

REPORT No. 2.

The Committee on Literature submits the following report:

1. Realizing the great need for missionary education and that all available means should be used for its advancement, and realizing that the eye is a medium most forcefully impressed by truth, we therefore recommend that there shall be prepared, to rent at a nominal price, one or more sets of stereopticon slides, picturing missionaries, missionary scenes, schools, etc., suitable for use of the Woman's Missionary Council, to be used for educational purposes only. These are to be prepared by the secretarial force, and will be ready for use in the fall.

2. Feeling assured that the *Council Daily* is a source of help and information both to members of the Council and also to numbers of interested women who cannot attend the session, we do not concur in the recommendation for its discontinuance.

3. Whereas we believe that the monthly leaflet meets a need that cannot be supplied, especially in our rural districts, by either the *Voice* or the *Bulletin*, we recommend nonconcurrence to the memorial for the discontinuance of the adult leaflet.

4. Since it is a recognized truth that the whole missionary enterprise must depend, above all else, upon a great tide of intercessory prayer, we recommend that a prayer calendar for 1914 be issued for sale at not more than twenty-five cents each.

5. We further recommend that the following be made a standing rule: That the Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only, who shall be selected by the Corresponding Secretaries of the patronizing Conferences when such arrangement is satisfactory to the editor.

6. That one leaflet bearing exclusively on young people's work be published each quarter.

7. That the Fourth Vice President of the Council be allowed a quarterly leaflet on social service.

8. That one leaflet shall be issued each quarter on the subject of "Christian Stewardship."

9. That during the month of January, 1914, Christian stewardship be given special emphasis: (a) By making it the subject for the monthly meeting; (b) by a request from the Council to the pastors throughout the Church to preach a special sermon on the subject; (c) by requesting the editors of the various Church papers to publish special articles on stewardship; (d) by seeking the coöperation of the Superintendents of Publicity in the various Conferences in giving prominence to the subject.

10. That, inasmuch as the Third Vice Presidents are required to present the subject of stewardship once each quarter, provision be made on the program the first month in each quarter for such presentation.

11. That the first week in October be designated as Mission Study Campaign Week, and a vigorous effort be made to organize mission study classes in the Adult, Young People's, and Junior Societies.

12. That one special leaflet on mission study be issued to use in connection with the prospectus in the campaign.

13. That the following course be recommended for the year 1913: *Foreign*.—Adult, "The King's Business," by Mrs. Raymond (a study of organization method), or "Mexico's To-Morrow," by Rev. G. B. Winton; Young People, "The Conservation of Young Life," by Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Peabody; Intermediates, "Livingstone the Pathfinder"; Children, "The Story of Livingstone" or "Suggestions for Junior Missionary Leaders." *Home*.—Adult and Young People, "The New America" (immigration), by Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Barnes, "America God's Melting Pot," by Mrs. L. G. Craig; Intermediates, "Some Immigrant Neighbors," by John R. Henry; Children, "Comrades of Other Lands," by Mrs. Dimmick.

14. That we recommend the continued use of the ten best missionary storybooks for adults and young people suggested last year, also the sets of ten and twenty books for use in circulating libraries.

15. That the Bible study course remain the same as last year.

16. That at least one good leaflet emphasizing Bible study be sent out during the year.

17. That the Third Vice Presidents through the Bible and mission study be urged to form circles for definite prayer, using the prayer calendar.

REPORT NO. 3.

1. That the Committee on Literature recommends that Item 26 in the report of the Literature Committee, page 193 in the Council Minutes of 1912, become a standing rule.

2. Whereas the *Missionary Voice* is an invaluable and indispensable educative force for the whole Church; and whereas there is a deficit of

approximately \$5,000 for the past year and the present circulation is inadequate to make it self-supporting, we do hereby memorialize the Board of Missions to inaugurate a Church-wide campaign for subscriptions, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavor to advance such a movement.

3. That since it requires fifty per cent increase upon the present subscription list of the *Missionary Voice* to make it self-supporting, we request each Conference to pledge the additional number of subscribers, and prorate the same to District Secretaries, who, in turn, are asked to prorate the district pledge to the auxiliaries, that all may act definitely and intelligently in placing our missionary organ upon a self-supporting basis.

4. Whereas there are auxiliaries in all our Conferences that do not have both Home and Foreign Departments; and whereas such auxiliaries need education in the work of both departments, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Conference make provision to supply such auxiliaries with the literature of both departments.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on Social Service recommends:

1. That a discussion of the social platform of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America be made a feature of the program of every Annual Conference.

2. That a standing committee be appointed in every Conference to assist the Fourth Vice President in coöperating with other philanthropic and State agencies in the promotion of the causes outlined in the social platform of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

REPORT No. 2.

I. We recommend that it shall be the duty of the Department of Social Service, through the Fourth Vice President of the Council and through the Fourth Vice Presidents of Conference and auxiliary Societies, to promote the study of conditions and needs among the negroes locally throughout the South, to arouse the women of our auxiliaries to a sense of their personal duty as Christian Southerners, to meet the needs and ameliorate the conditions of those of this backward race who are in their midst by personal service and sympathy. We recommend the giving of this sympathy and service in any or all of the following ways: (a) By learning the needs of negro Sunday schools, teaching their Bible classes, training their teachers in modern Sunday school methods, helping grade their schools, and offering such other assistance as may be needed. (b) By assisting negro women in forming and directing missionary societies in their Churches, giving them information and other help, especially in regard to home mission work among the poorer

classes of their own race. (c) By looking into the needs of the negro public schools, requiring of the public authorities that their premises be kept sanitary, helping to secure colored teachers of a high grade, and favoring the introduction of industrial training. (d) By looking after the recreation, or lack of it, of negro children and young people; by endeavoring to interest the Christian women of all denominations in securing for them opportunities for clean play in playgrounds supervised by good negro women or men; securing coöperation with Negro Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations where these exist. (e) By securing from Boards of Education permission to use negro school-houses as community centers, organizing and assisting the better class of negroes in each community to take charge of these community centers and supervise them for the pleasure and instruction of their own race; by interesting white people in the movement, securing white physicians and others to talk on personal and community hygiene, care of children, temperance, and other matters. (f) By visiting the local jails, by ascertaining the measure of justice accorded negroes in the local courts, and by creating a sentiment for justice to youthful criminals whom wise treatment may reform. (g) By studying negro housing conditions and their bearing on sickness, inefficiency, and crime; by bringing these conditions to the attention of the public; by insisting that local authorities enforce in the negro district the sanitary regulations of the community; by securing for negroes a water supply sufficient for health and decency; by helping the negroes of the better class to organize among their people civic clubs, where the young may be trained in community cleanliness and righteousness. (h) By creating in the local white community higher ideals in regard to the relation between the two races; by standing for full and equal justice in all departments of life; by endeavoring to secure for the backward race not only the full measure of development of which they are capable, but the unmolested possession and enjoyment of all legitimate rewards of honest work; by standing, in short, for the full application, to the negroes and to ourselves, of the Mosaic law of justice, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

II. Whereas, in dealing with certain crimes committed by unchristianized negroes, there has been in some States a slow and cumbersome administration of criminal law, and in others where quick justice is made possible so strong a race prejudice that it provokes a spirit of defiance of the law, so that there results lynching—a crime against the law of justice, human and divine, therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we deplore the demoralizing influence of mob violence upon communities, and especially upon the youth of the land of both races, who are incited to a contempt of law resulting in moral degeneracy and the overthrow of justice.

2. That we as women engaged in Christian social service for the full redemption of our social order do protest in the name of outraged justice against the savagery of lynching.

3. That we call upon lawmakers and enforcers of the law and upon all who value justice and righteousness to recognize their duty to the law and to the criminal classes. We appeal to them to arouse public opinion against mob violence and to enforce the law against those who defy it.

4. That we do hereby pledge ourselves to increasing prayer and effort in behalf of those classes, the very environment of whose lives breeds crime.

III. (a) Whereas there is a widespread effort on the part of the general public directed toward the suppression of vice; and whereas the best thinkers, both political and sociological, have concurred in the opinion that the segregation of public prostitutes in our cities is no remedy for the social evil, but rather increases it; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Social Service Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, record its protest against this method of dealing with the social evil and determine to make every possible effort to induce our city officials to abolish this legalization of crime; and we further recommend that the names of owners of property used for immoral purposes be secured, that the force of public opinion may, if necessary, be brought to bear to prevent this sacrifice to greed.

(b) Whereas the most efficient remedy for the social evil is to be found in the rearing of children with purity of knowledge and thought concerning matters of sex, we recommend:

1. That parents recognize the importance and delicacy of this fundamental duty; that they inform themselves regarding their children's present sources of knowledge, and that they give their children the necessary information in such a manner as to safeguard them from danger.

IV. Recognizing with joy and gratitude the work of our missionaries in laying foundations in other lands for great constructive movements resulting in that community uplift to which social service aspires, we recommend:

1. That the women of both departments make a study of social conditions in foreign lands, that we may better understand both the odds under which our workers labor and the burdens crushing those whom they strive to help.

REPORT No. 3.

1. Realizing the lack of understanding on the part of many of the women of our Church as to the work of the Fourth Department, we recommend that an institute outline on the nature and scope of the social service work be prepared for use in Conference, district, and auxiliary meetings.

2. We recommend "Intemperance" as the subject for study in 1914 in the Fourth Department.

MRS. ARCH TRAWICK, *Chairman*;

MISS VIVIAN CONWAY, *Secretary*.

EXTENSION OF WORK, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.**REPORT No. 1.—CHINA.***Union Bible School for Women.*

I. Having carefully considered the report of the committee from the China Mission Conference of December 5, 1912, relating to the establishment of the Union Bible School for Women, which school has been opened in Nanking with a definitely established policy and with a constitution providing that it shall not be a colorless or undenominational institution, but that it shall be a real interdenominational Bible training school, controlled by a board of managers elected by the missions entering into the union; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we indorse the action of the committee in China and recommend that the Council enter into this union.

2. That Miss Mary Culler White represent the Woman's Missionary Council on the board of managers of this school.

3. That \$200 be appropriated as the Woman's Missionary Council's share of the annual current expenses.

4. That scholarships be transferred with the students to this school.

Union Woman's College.

II. We indorse the action of the China Mission Conference in accepting the report of a special committee as set forth in the recommendations, as follows:

"1. That the various missions engaged in educational work in China take immediate steps for giving college work to the rapidly increasing numbers of young women finishing high school grades and for properly preparing the vast army of teachers needed for supporting the quality of school work demanded by reconstructed China.

"2. That all the missions of the Lower Yangste Valley unite in the establishment of one thoroughly equipped high-grade college.

"3. That land be purchased and plans made for the erection of necessary school buildings and dormitories for the accommodation of one hundred pupils, thus starting a plant which will ultimately include buildings and equipment for the departments of liberal arts, science, medicine, music, normal and kindergarten training, and domestic science."

Exchange of Property in Shanghai.

III. Whereas at the China Mission Conference, on December 5, 1912, a committee consisting of Miss Virginia Atkinson, Rev. John A. G. Shipley, Miss Helen Lee Richardson, and Rev. J. B. Fearn was appointed to draw up suggestions as to the exchange of property in Shanghai known as the Moore Memorial and Trinity property; and whereas this committee reported December 30 that they had secured from one of the leading real estate dealers in the city estimates as to the valuation of land in the two localities, and from one of the most reputable contractors

in Shanghai estimates of the value of the buildings involved in the deal; and whereas their conclusion was reached after the careful consideration of these estimates and of the needs of the work of the Board of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Council; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the exchange of property be made.

2. That the Woman's Missionary Council pay the Board of Missions \$8,000 (gold) for the transfer.

3. That on the payment of this money the exchange become effective, with the understanding that the Board of Missions have free use of the church building for one year.

IV. Whereas a memorial, signed by the eight women missionaries at Huchow, has been presented to the Council, setting forth the great need of a hospital at that place; and whereas these women request the Woman's Missionary Council to contribute half, or at least one-third, of the cost of buying land, buildings, and equipping a hospital; and whereas, if this request is granted, the Council will be compelled to close one of our schools in China for the lack of money to carry on both works; therefore be it

Resolved, That, while we recognize the need for a hospital in Huchow, and while we appreciate the generous offer of these women to contribute \$400 toward the required amount, we are forced to recommend non-concurrence with the memorial to open a new work.

REPORT No. 2.

1. In response to the call of Miss Bennett in her annual message that a new plant for the enlargement of McTyeire receive our full attention and effort this year, and in response to the great need for this enlargement, we recommend that the generous offer of the Chinese gentlemen to raise \$60,000 with which to purchase land for McTyeire be gratefully accepted, and that an amount not exceeding \$25,000 be put into a building, half of this sum to be paid this year.

2. We have carefully considered the memorial from the China Mission Conference, signed by all the missionaries of the Huchow District and most of those of the Soochow District, and also the letter signed by the three native pastors recommending "the adoption of the system of correlation as it has developed in our China Mission—namely, one high school in the central station of each district, with primary and grammar grades correlated."

This committee recommends that the existing system be retained, while a careful investigation is being made anticipating the time when a more definite correlation of our schools will be necessary.

3. We indorse the action of the China Mission Conference in restricting requests from the field to those that have been passed upon by the Conference, and we pledge our support in making all such action binding upon our missionaries. (We will say, however, that this plan has been followed for years by the women at home.)

4. Whereas the Committee on Kindergarten Work at the meeting of the China Mission Conference recommended that the Woman's Missionary Council take charge of the Lenah Staley Kindergarten and, if possible, employ Miss Margarita Park as a missionary teacher in the kindergarten work, therefore we recommend that such steps be taken by the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department as will carry this proposed plan into effect.

REPORT No. 3.—KOREA.

Whereas the great importance of the primary day school as an evangelistic and educational factor is being recognized, particularly in China and Korea, we recommend that an especial effort be made to provide for the support of a large number of these schools; but that the special naming of these schools be discouraged, and be allowed only when thorough equipment and support for at least ten years are promised. The following amounts are required for support: China, \$150; Korea, \$200; Brazil, \$350; Mexico, \$350.

REPORT No. 4.—BRAZIL.

1. The communication from the missionaries of the Brazil Conference with reference to the deduction of the balance left in the school treasuries at the end of the fiscal year has been considered. Since the deduction is not based upon Paragraph 17 on the "Instructions to Missionaries," but upon a by-law of the Board of Missions (Article 9, page 247 of the Annual Report of the Board of Missions for 1912), which requires "appropriations and balances of appropriations unexpended at the close of the fiscal year to lapse to the treasury of the Council," it is not within the province of the Council to rescind the by-law. But since the law is not intended to work a hardship upon any station or to be unjust in its demands, we recommend that at the end of the fiscal year the true balance in the treasury of the schools be indicated, so that nothing more than that amount be deducted.

2. It is recommended that the offerings during the Week of Prayer be used for the projected girls' school in Rio.

REPORT No. 5.

General Recommendations.

1. Whereas before our missionaries can render effective service on the field it is necessary that they shall acquire the language, and in attempting to teach and study the language at the same time they often overtax their strength, we therefore recommend that, wherever possible, their first six months on the field be devoted exclusively to the study of the language.

2. We recommend: (a) That the Executive Committee at Nashville decide upon the stipend that shall be allowed retired missionaries, and also the amount of assistance that shall be given missionaries on fur-

lough who desire to make further preparation for their work in the foreign field. (b) That the findings of this committee on these subjects shall be reported at the midwinter meeting of the Executive Committee.

Training Schools.

1. We recommend concurrence with the memorial from the Tennessee Conference which asks to be allowed to raise a special of \$300 to be used to buy a piano for the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

2. We urge that the Conference Secretaries be strenuous in their efforts in behalf of the completion of the Scarritt Endowment Fund, and that each auxiliary pay at least two dollars toward this fund.

3. We recommend that special effort be made this year to increase our revenue by means of the annuity funds.

4. Whereas nine young women have received training for foreign service in the Methodist Training School, located in Nashville, Tenn., we desire to express sincere appreciation of the value of the training given, and regret that we are unable to grant the request for \$900. We recommend that the Foreign Department grant this year a scholarship in the above-named school, the appropriation to be met from the contingent fund.

MRS. J. B. COBB, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. P. HOLT, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1913-14.

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

Shanghai:

Miss Helen Lee Richardson's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Elizabeth Claiborne's salary	750	
Miss Julia Wasson's salary	750	
Miss Leila J. Tuttle's salary	750	
Miss M. L. White's salary	750	
Miss Clara Park's salary	750	
Miss May Hixson's salary	750	
Music teacher	740—	\$ 5,990
Incidentals	\$ 200	
Contingent	200	
Insurance	200*	
Taxes	50	
Secretary's expenses	25	
Bible women's work in Hongkew	300	
Repairs	100	
Susan B. Wilson School	300	
Outstation work	400	
For exchange of property	5,000—	6,775

*Conditional.

Sungkiang:

Miss Nell Drake's salary	\$ 750	
Mrs. Julia Gaither's salary	750	
Miss Alice Waters's salary and travel	750	
Miss Irene King's salary	750	
Miss Nettie Peacock's salary	750	
Miss Bessie Combs's salary	750—	\$ 4,500

Total for Shanghai District \$17,265

SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

Soochow:

Miss Martha Pyle's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Janie Watkins's salary	750	
Mrs. S. S. Harris's salary and travel	750	
Miss Hayes's salary	750	
Music teacher	740—	\$ 3,740
Laura Haygood Memorial	\$ 500	
Repairs on home	300	
Zak Tuh Day School	100	
Ming Tuh Day School	100—	1,000
Miss Virginia Atkinson's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Mary Tarrant's salary	750	
Miss Emma S. Lester's salary	750	
Miss Dora Otis's salary	750	
Miss Margaret Beadle's salary	750	
Miss Nevada Martin's salary	750	
Miss Frances Burkhead's salary	750	
Miss Madge Hendry's salary	740—	5,990
Davidson Memorial	\$ 800	
Kindergarten, Kindergarten Training School	300	
Kindergarten salaries	600	
Kindergarten printing	650	
Day schools	900	
Woman's work	300—	3,550
Dr. Ethel Polk's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Mary Culler White's salary	750	
Miss Mary Hood's salary	740	
Miss Theodosia Wales's salary	750—	2,990
Hospital	\$ 1,250	
Medical school	200	
Nurse-training school	100	
Electric lights	250	
Waterworks	250	
Repairs on home	500—	2,550

Miss Maggie Rogers's salary	\$	750	
Miss Flora Herndon's salary		750—	\$ 1,500
Kong Hong woman's work	\$	300	
Kong Hong day school		150	
Kong Hong kindergarten		125	
Kong Hong rent		200—	775
District day schools	\$	400	
District woman's work		600	
Incidentals		200	
Contingent		200	
Insurance		400*	
Repairs for district		200	
Secretary's expenses		50—	2,050

Changchow:

Miss Ida Anderson's salary	\$	750	
Miss Alice Green's salary		750—	1,500
Two day schools	\$	300	
Rent		250	
Woman's work		300—	850
Miss Ella Leveritt's salary	\$	750	
Day school		200	
Woman's work		250	
Rent		250	
Furniture		100—	1,550
Total for Soochow District			<u>\$28,245</u>

HUCHOW DISTRICT.

Huchow:

Miss Mildred Bomar's salary	\$	750	
Miss Lochie Rankin's salary		750	
Miss Clara Steger's salary		750	
Miss Sarah J. Smith's salary		750	
Miss Annie Bradshaw's salary		750	
Miss Mittie Shelton's salary		750	
Miss Nina Troy's salary		750—	\$ 5,250
City day schools	\$	200	
District day schools		400	
Bible woman's work and rent		300	
Incidentals, taxes, repairs		200	

*Conditional.

Contingent fund	\$ 200
Insurance	175*
Secretary's office expenses and travel.....	25—\$ 1,500
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Total for Huchow District	\$ 6,750
Six new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$750; travel, \$250), \$1,150 each	\$ 6,900
Total for Shanghai District	17,265
Total for Soochow District	28,245
Total for Huchow District	6,750
Union Bible School at Nanking	200
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Total for China Mission Conference.....	\$59,360

[NOTE.—Changes were made in the appropriations for China to accord with appropriations approved by the Board of Missions.—EDITOR.]

KOREA MISSION.

Seoul:

Mrs. J. P. Campbell's salary	\$ 750
Miss Lillian Nichol's salary and travel	750
Miss Bertha A. Smith's salary	750
Miss Mary Myer's salary	750
Miss Ida Hankins's salary	750
Miss Mae Owings's salary	750—\$ 4,500
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Carolina Institute	\$ 1,200
Incidentals	150
Repairs	200
Insurance (three years)	200*
Itinerating	300
Day schools (three)	600
Piano and organs	300— 2,950
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Total for Seoul	\$ 7,450

Songdo:

Miss Ellasue Wagner's salary	\$ 750
Miss Cordelia Erwin's salary	750
Miss Lillie M. Reed's salary	750
Miss Hortense Tinsley's salary	750
Miss Laura Summers's salary	750—\$ 3,750

*Conditional.

Holston Institute	\$ 1,250
Repairs for Holston	500*
Insurance	200†
Joy Hardie Bible School	250
Repairs	150
Three day schools	600
Itinerating	300
Mary Helm School	400
Holston incidentals	50
Mary Helm building	1,800—\$ 5,500
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Total for Songdo	\$ 9,250

Wonsan:

Miss Hallie Buie's salary	\$ 750
Miss Kate Cooper's salary	750
Miss Alice D. Noyes's salary	750
Miss Myrtle Barker's salary	750
Miss Bertha Tucker's salary	750—\$ 3,750
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Lucy Cuninggim Memorial	\$ 500*
Insurance on school	200*
Outbuildings	400*
Furniture for two rooms	150
Alice Cobb Bible School	150
Insurance on other buildings	300*
Taxes	7
Day schools	400
Seven country day schools, subsidize salaries	300
Itineration	300
Incidentals	150— 2,857
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Total for Wonsan	\$ 6,607

Choon Chun:

Miss Laura Edwards's salary	\$ 750
Miss Carrie Una Jackson's salary	750
Miss Bessie Oliver's salary	750—\$ 2,250
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Four day schools	\$ 800
Itineration	300
Current expenses	400
Two country day school buildings	700
Incidentals	25— 2,425
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Total for Choon Chun	\$ 4,675

*Conditional.

†Three years, conditional.

Total for Seoul	\$ 7,450
Total for Songdo	9,250
Total for Wonsan	6,607
Three new missionaries	3,450

Total for Korea Mission\$31,432

MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

Laredo:

Miss Edith Park's salary	\$ 750
Miss Laura Wright's salary	750
Miss Ellie Tydings's salary	750
Miss Hardynia Norville's salary	750—\$ 3,000

Saltillo:

Miss Roberts's salary	\$ 750
Miss Frankie Hooper's salary	750— 1,500

Current expenses	\$ 2,500
Teachers' salaries	3,750
Matron's salary	300
Charity school and teacher	300
Repairs and apparatus, etc.	300
New building	25,000— 32,150

Total for Saltillo\$33,650

Total for Laredo\$ 3,000

Total for Saltillo 33,650

Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference\$36,650

CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

San Luis Potosi:

Miss Frances Moling's salary	\$ 750
Miss Ellen Alfter's salary	750
Miss Charley M. Cunningham's salary	750
Miss Laura Lee's salary	740—\$ 2,990

Music teacher	\$ 500
Salaries of American teachers	1,000
Native teachers' salaries	800
Taxes, repairs, etc.	400
Woman's work	100
Kindergarten	50— 2,850

Total for San Luis Potosi\$ 5,840

Guadalajara:

Miss Mary Massey's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Minnie Varner's salary	750	
Miss Virginia Booth's salary	750—	\$ 2,250
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,000	
Current expenses	800	
Woman's work	300*	
Trueheart School	250	
Taxes	190	
Repairs	400—	3,940
Total for Guadalajara		\$ 6,190

City of Mexico:

Miss Esther Case's salary	\$ 750	
Miss Linnie Barcroft's salary	750	
Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick's salary	750	
Miss Annie Churchill's salary	750	
Miss Lillie Fox's salary	750	
Miss Bessie Lee Wilson's salary	750—	\$ 4,500
Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,000	
Current expenses	400	
Matron's salary	300	
Domestic science teacher	400*	
Rent	5,100—	8,200
Total for City of Mexico		\$12,700

Total for San Luis Potosi	\$ 5,840
Total for Guadalajara	6,190
Total for City of Mexico	12,700

Total for Central Mexico Mission Conference\$24,730

NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

Durango:

Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne's salary	\$ 750	
Miss May Treadwell's salary	500	
Miss Sue T. Ford's salary	750	
Miss Johnnie Pierson's salary	750	
Miss Beverly Cain's salary	750—	\$ 3,500
American teachers' salaries	1,000*	
Native teachers' salaries	1,000	

*Conditional.

Music teacher's salary	\$ 500
Taxes and repairs	500
Current expenses	500
Matron's salary	300
Woman's work	100—\$ 3,900

Total for Durango \$ 7,400

Chihuahua:

Miss Lizzie Wilson's salary	\$ 750
Miss L. C. Harper's salary	750
Miss Maria W. Capers's salary	750—\$ 2,250

Salaries of teachers	\$ 1,500
Native teachers' salaries	800
Current expenses	800
Insurance	200*
Repairs, furnishings, and taxes	500
Replastering building	600— 4,400

Total for Chihuahua \$ 6,650

Total for Durango \$ 7,400

Total for Chihuahua 6,650

Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....\$14,050

Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference\$36,650

Total for Central Mexico Mission Conference 24,730

Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference 14,050

Two new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$750; travel, \$75),

\$975 each 1,950

Grand total for Mexico\$77,380

*BRAZIL MISSION CONFERENCE.**Rio de Janeiro:*

Miss Layona Glenn's salary	\$ 900
Itineration of Secretary	300
Moving missionaries	200
Woman's work	150—\$ 1,550

Collegio Americano Fluminense:

Miss Hellen Hickman's salary	\$ 900
Miss Ferguson's salary	900
House rent	2,150

*Conditional.

Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,000
Incidentals	500—\$ 5,450

People's Institute:

Miss Richmond's salary and travel.....	\$ 750
Miss Simpson's salary	900
Miss Simpson's room rent	300
Teacher's salary	600— 2,550

Total for Rio de Janeiro \$ 9,550

Piracicaba:

Miss L. A. Stradley's salary	\$ 500
Miss Jennie Stradley's salary	900
Mrs. F. E. Brown's salary	900
Miss Estelle Hood's salary	500
Miss Virginia Howell's salary	900
Miss Sophia Schalch's salary	900—\$ 4,600
Teacher's salary and board	\$ 800
Incidentals and insurance	425
Furnishings	1,500— 2,725

Total for Piracicaba \$ 7,325

Juiz de Fora:

Miss Ida Shaffer's salary	\$ 900
Miss Sarah Warne's salary	900
Miss Leila F. Epps's salary	900
Miss Eva Louise Hyde's salary	900—\$ 3,600
Teacher's salary	\$ 500
Floor for schoolroom	208
Incidentals and repairs	200
Woman's work	50
Insurance	150*
Indebtedness	650— 1,758

Total for Juiz de Fora \$ 5,358

Petropolis:

Miss Eliza Perkinson's salary and return	\$ 900
Miss Mary Pescud's salary	900
Miss Florence Barton's salary	900—\$ 2,700
Teachers' salaries	\$ 500
Repairs	500

*Conditional.

Insurance	\$ 250*
Incidentals	200—\$ 1,450
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Total for Petropolis	\$ 4,150

Sao Paulo:

Miss Amelia Elerding's salary and travel	\$ 900
Evangelistic help	300
Woman's work	150
Missionary's room rent	200—\$ 1,550
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Total for Sao Paulo	\$ 1,550

Ribeirao Preto:

Miss Emma Christine's salary	\$ 900
Miss Andrew's salary	900
Miss Helen Johnston's salary	900
Miss Rachel Jarrett's salary	900—\$ 3,600
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House rent	\$ 2,400
School furniture	150
Teachers' salaries	1,300
Incidentals	200— 4,050
New building	*22,000
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Total for Ribeirao Preto.....	\$29,650

Bello Horizonte:

Miss Lucy Henderson's salary	\$ 900
Miss Blanche Howell's salary	900
Miss May Fenley's salary	900
Miss Steel's salary	900—\$ 3,600
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Teachers' salaries	\$ 500
Insurance and taxes, painting and repairs	800
Housekeeper's salary	300*
Woman's work	50— 1,650
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Total for Bello Horizonte	\$ 5,250
Total for Brazil	\$62,458

*SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION.**Porto Alegre:*

Miss Elizabeth Lamb's salary and travel	\$ 900
Miss Maggie Lee Kenney's salary	900—\$ 1,800

*Conditional.

Day school	\$ 800
Woman's work	150
Room rent for missionary	*300—\$ 1,250
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Total for Porto Alegre	\$ 3,050
Two new missionaries (outfit, \$150; salary, \$900; travel, \$250), \$1,300 each	\$ 2,600
Total for Brazil Mission Conference	62,833
Total for South Brazil Mission	3,050
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Grand total for work in Brazil	\$68,483

[NOTE.—By action of the Board of Missions, the appropriations for the schools at Ribeirao Preto and Porto Alegre were made a lump sum to be divided by the bishop in charge and the members of the Board who may be with him on the field.—EDITOR.]

CUBA.

Cienfuegos:

Miss Hattie G. Carson's salary	\$ 750
Miss Agnes Ruff's salary	750
Miss Bessie Carson Stubbs's salary	740—\$ 2,240
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Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,680
Native teachers	500
Furniture	300*
Incidentals	150— 2,630
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Total for Cienfuegos	\$ 4,870

Matanzas:

Miss Rebecca Toland's salary	\$ 750
Miss Belle Markey's salary	750—\$ 1,500
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Teachers' salaries	\$ 2,000
Matron's salary	300
Taxes	90
Incidentals	300
Telephone	45— 2,735
One new missionary	1,000
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Total for Matanzas	\$ 5,235
Total for Cienfuegos	\$ 4,870
Total for Matanzas	5,235
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Grand total for Cuba	\$10,100

*Conditional.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Annuities	\$ 1,800
Scarritt Bible and Training School	1,000

HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries	\$ 4,650
Salary, Secretary of Home Base	700
Salary, Editor of <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	450
Salary, Agent of <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	100
President of Council	500
Vice Presidents	750
Managers	300
Superintendent of Publicity	100
Office expenses and travel	1,800
Clerical help	1,800
Leaflets	2,000
Literature	500
Bulletins	375
Annual Reports	1,500
Council meeting	1,500
Board meeting	500
Mid-year meeting	250

Total\$17,775

SUMMARY.

China	\$ 59,360
Korea	31,432
Mexico	77,380
Brazil	68,483
Cuba	10,100
Annuities	1,800
Scarritt	1,000
Contingent	14,690
Expense of administration	17,775

Total\$282,020

EXTENSION OF WORK, HOME DEPARTMENT.

REPORT No. 1.

Negro Work.

1. Your committee has given careful consideration to the memorial from the Tennessee Conference and to the recommendation of the teacher of social and religious service in the Methodist Training School, ask-

ing that negro work be established in Nashville. As Nashville is a center of opportunity for inspiring the Church at large, and the students of the Methodist Training School in particular, for service to this race, we recommend concurrence.

2. We recommend that work for negroes shall be on the same basis as that for whites and under the direction of the same committees. The Committee on Educational Institutions shall have supervision of Paine Annex. Any work among negroes which may be projected by city mission boards shall be referred to the Committee on City Missions. Negro missionaries or other workers employed by our women must be accepted by the Committee on Missionary Candidates, and must be appointed as are the white missionaries and deaconesses.

3. We recommend that settlements opened for work among the negroes shall be known as Bethlehem Houses.

4. We recommend that the Council grant the request of the students at Paine College that the new dormitory be named the Belle Bennett Hall in honor of our beloved President.

5. We recommend that the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session assembled and representing over two hundred thousand Southern white women, hereby indorse the memorial from the white members of the faculty of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., and do request the Southern University Commission on the Negro to undertake so soon as may be expedient an investigation of conditions as set forth in the memorial.

REPORT No. 2.

General Work.

1. After carefully considering that part of the President's message referring to a farm school for negro children, we echo her prayer that God may move upon some heart to make this possible during this year.

2. In view of the fact that so many of our Churches have recently merged their local societies into the organized mission work, and that the local work gives us a strong hold on the pastors and our uninterested women; and in view of the fact that our pastors do get statistics from the local Treasurers for their reports to regular Church channels, we recommend that no change be made in reporting local work.

3. In view of the fact that the passing of funds raised by the city mission boards through the general treasury would cause delay in the use of such moneys and also confuse the already severely taxed minds of many of our women in regard to funds, therefore be it

Resolved, That no change be made in the present plan at this time, but that vouchers giving amounts raised by the city mission boards already recommended for use in this plan be sent regularly to the Council Treasurer, that entries may be made upon her books showing this work to be connectional.

4. The memorial of the South Carolina Conference asking permission

to use their pledge each year for some definite work was duly considered. In view of the fact that it has always been the policy of the Home Department not to accumulate a list of specials, but to have the Conference pledges undirected, and in view of the fact that some departments of our work are not so popular as others and would suffer in consequence of directed pledges, we recommend nonconcurrence.

5. Whereas the need of property adapted to the use of the Wesley House at Biloxi is imperative and the rental of such is impossible, we recommend concurrence with the memorial from the Mississippi Conference which petitions the Council to be granted the privilege of purchasing and remodeling a desirable property now available.

6. Whereas the interest from the Florine McEachern Fund aggregates \$1,352.92 annually, and is used in the training of deaconesses and missionaries, in compliance with the conditions of the gift of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, and the mite box collections of the children; and whereas we desire that the little child shall live in service through the channels of the Church, we recommend:

(a) That the funds be devoted to maintaining a chair of sociology in one of our training schools to be known as the "Florine McEachern Chair."

(b) That annual scholarships for deaconesses in training and improvement be called the "Florine McEachern Scholarships." The appropriation to these objects shall be annually listed in the basis of appropriation as "The Florine McEachern Chair and Scholarships."

REPORT No. 3.

Financial.

1. Whereas the basis of appropriation limits the amount to be appropriated to each institution; and whereas there must be a reduction of appropriation if we come within this basis; and whereas it is necessary for the Head Resident of the Wesley House at Tampa, Fla., to have a season of rest and recuperation, we recommend that the Wesley House be closed temporarily, and that the West Tampa School carry the kindergarten, so that, while the work is reduced in activities, the vital phases will be continued.

2. We recommend that the Seamen's Rest at Gulfport be closed and that our activities center around the Biloxi Wesley House. This work in the past has been jointly supported by the Mississippi Conference, the Board of Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Council. The first two organizations have withdrawn from the joint work because they feel that conditions are so changed that the work is not so much needed as it was five years ago. In addition, the Norwegians have a Sailor's Rest, established since this work was begun, and the sailors therefore will not suffer by closing this enterprise.

3. Whereas the Home Department of the Council is so embarrassed for funds with which to maintain enterprises; and whereas the Pres-

byterians have a large property in San Francisco adapted to institutional work and a ministry prepared to care for the Koreans, we recommend that the work at San Francisco which has been maintained for the Korean immigrants be referred to the bishop in charge of the Pacific Conference.

4. We recommend that the Week of Prayer collection be used for completing the Lucinda B. Helm Hall at Sue Bennett Memorial and for the enlargement of Ruth Hargrove Seminary.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS.

APPROPRIATIONS, HOME DEPARTMENT, 1913.

FLORIDA COAST WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 9,936
Repairs	400
Janitors	360
Supplies	250
Summer expenses	150
Sub-Cuban School	820
Debt	1,052—\$12,968

Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 2,085
Household	270
Repairs	100
Supplies	75
Summer expense	75
Domestic science equipment	100— 2,705

West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 1,485
Painting and repairs	200
Furnishings	25
Insurance	20
Incidentals	64— 1,794

Total for Florida Coast work \$17,467

GULF COAST WORK.

Immigrant Work, Galveston, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 1,200
Rents	600
Incidentals	200—\$ 2,000

New Orleans, La.

Total appropriated	\$ 2,150
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Houma, La., French Work.

Salaries	300
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Biloxi, Miss., Wesley House.

Rents	\$ 120
Salaries	1,230
Household	120— 1,470

Total for Gulf Coast work	\$ 6,370
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PACIFIC COAST WORK.

Alameda, Cal., Mary Helm Hall.

Salary and travel of pastor	\$ 600
Salary of night school teachers	360
Salary of English and music teacher and supplies	360
Salary of kindergartner and supplies	360
Care of grounds	300
Salary and travel of superintendents	1,500
Taxes, insurance, and incidentals	400
Travel and salary of Japanese evangelist	600
Painting and repairs	600
Dando Don (conditional)	200—\$ 5,180

Oakland, Cal.

Rent and care of missions	\$ 450
Salary of Japanese pastor	400
Kindergarten and supplies	360— 1,210

Los Angeles, Cal., Homer Toberman Home and Hospital.

Homer Toberman clinic and nurse	\$ 720
Homer Toberman Coöperative Home	600— 1,320

Total for Pacific Coast work	\$ 7,710
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NEGRO WORK.

Augusta, Ga., Paine Annex.

Salaries	\$ 1,260
Repairs and furnishings	75
Heat, light, and incidentals	780—\$ 2,115

Nashville, Tenn., Extension Work.

Rents, salaries, and incidentals	1,000
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Augusta, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 1,630
Rents (two buildings)	500
Janitor	50
Household	240
Building and furniture	100—\$ 2,520
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Total for negro work	\$ 5,635

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.

Salaries	\$11,305
Insurance	50
Repairs	300
Janitors	1,000
Coal and light	1,300
Incidentals	350
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	\$14,305
Less fees	5,850—\$ 8,455

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

Salaries	\$ 6,685
Painting and repairing	600
Summer expenses and incidentals	500
Advertising catalogue	300
Notes on property	1,700
Additional building	300
Stock for farm	425
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	\$10,510
Less fees	2,449— 8,061
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Total for mountain work	\$16,516

DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT GIRLS.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 3,615
Scholarships	3,000
Repairs	500
Janitor and farm	250
Insurance	170—\$ 7,535

Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 3,540
Scholarships for girls	3,000

Insurance	\$ 86
Janitor	250
Repairs	480
Incidentals	100
Physician	600
Financial Agent	300—\$ 8,356
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Total for dependent and delinquent girls	\$15,891

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Florine McEachern Chair of Sociology, Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.	\$ 1,000
Department of Religious and Social Service, Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn.	1,000
Sociological work	150
Social service investigations	300
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Total	\$ 2,450

MISCELLANEOUS.

Scarritt Bible and Training School	\$ 1,000
Deaconess work	3,000
Annuities	1,000
Interest on money borrowed	3,000
Contingent	2,000
Indian work (new)	500
Mexican work, Laredo, Tex. (new)	10,000
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Total	\$20,500

CITY MISSIONS.

Asheville, N. C.	\$ 100
Atlanta, Ga.	637
Augusta, Ga.	274
Birmingham, Ala.	264
Dallas, Tex.	369
Danville, Va.	144
Houston, Tex.	226
Jackson, Tenn.	190
Kansas City, Mo.	807
Knoxville, Tenn.	97
Lexington, Ky.	72
Los Angeles, Cal.	78
Louisville, Ky.	229
Macon, Ga.	303
Memphis, Tenn.	162
Mobile, Ala.	219

Nashville, Tenn.	\$ 158
Meridian, Miss.	78
Portsmouth, Va.	73
Richmond, Va.	110
Spartanburg, S. C.	128
St. Joseph, Mo.	130
St. Louis, Mo.	768
Total	\$ 5,616

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

Printing	\$ 5,000
Office expenses of President	550
Salary of Treasurer	700
Office expenses of Treasurer	100
Salary of Corresponding Secretary	1,800
Office expenses of Corresponding Secretary	800
Salary of Editorial Secretary	700
Office expenses of Editorial Secretary	650
Salary of Educational Secretary	700
Office expenses of Educational Secretary and travel	600
Salary of Home Base Secretary	700
Office expenses of Home Base Secretary	300
Salary of Field Secretary	700
Travel of Field Secretary	300
Clerical help	1,920
Editor of <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	450
Office of <i>Young Christian Worker</i>	100
Office expenses of First Vice President	150
Office expenses of Second Vice President	150
Office expenses of Third Vice President	150
Office expenses of Fourth Vice President	300
Office expenses of Publicity Superintendent	100
Office expenses of Superintendent of Supplies	300
Office expenses of managers	300
Expenses of Council, Board, and committee meetings	2,500
Total expenses	\$19,995

RECAPITULATION.

Florida Coast work	\$ 17,467
Gulf Coast work	6,370
Pacific Coast work	7,710
Negro work	5,635
Mountain work	16,516
Dependent and delinquent girls	15,891
Department of Sociology	2,450

Deaconess work	\$ 3,000
Interest on money borrowed	3,000
Annuities	1,000
Indian work	500
Mexican work	10,000
Contingent	2,000
City missions	5,616
Scarritt Bible and Training School	1,000
Administration	20,020
Total	\$118,175

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION, HOME AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS.

REPORT No. 1.

The Joint Committee from the Committee on Extension of Work, Home and Foreign Departments, to consider the time for the united Week of Prayer, recommends that it be set for the first week in November.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas it is not in the province of this body to take any steps toward establishing a common treasury for the membership fund, as requested in the memorial from the White River Conference, therefore we recommend nonconcurrence.

MRS. J. B. COBB,

MRS. A. P. HOLT.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The clear and illuminating reports by Bishop Lambuth in regard to the opportunities opening before the Woman's Missionary Council in Brazil and the receptive attitude of the Brazilian people have intensified our desire to invest more largely in the "neglected continent," and have deepened our regret over the long delay in building in Rio and other centers of influence and opportunity; and yet, while our desire is to advance rather than to retreat, we are compelled to recommend the following:

Whereas the law controlling the appropriations of the Woman's Missionary Council compels the appropriations each year to have as their basis the collections of the previous year; and whereas the increase and growth of the work and the imperative demand for building in the strategic centers of Rio and Ribeirao Preto and our pledge to the work in those cities make it necessary to curtail our appointments elsewhere to keep within the law; and whereas the work at Porto Alegre is small and distant from the center of our work in Brazil; and whereas the

Woman's Missionary Council owns neither land nor building in that city, and while we deplore the need for curtailment anywhere, yet we feel that the loss in Porto Alegre would be less than elsewhere; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we close the school at Porto Alegre and apply to the building at Ribeirao Preto the appropriation usually made for Porto Alegre.

2. That we continue for the present the work of the Institutional Church in Porto Alegre.

MRS. J. B. COBB,

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS,

MRS. F. S. PARKER.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

Realizing that if the work of the Children's Department is to be done effectively there must be definite plans and specific aims, your Committee on Children's Work recommends:

1. That the number of organizations in the Junior Division and the number of Baby Rolls be commensurate with the number of adult auxiliaries.

2. That a vigorous membership campaign be planned, beginning September 1 and closing the Sunday following Thanksgiving, with the definite aim of 50,000 members and an increased missionary activity in the Children's Department.

3. That Second Vice Presidents of Junior Divisions, under the direction of auxiliary First Vice Presidents, make a determined effort to put the *Young Christian Worker* in every home.

4. That the work of Third Vice Presidents of Junior Divisions be emphasized by the organization of mission study classes and the training in Christian stewardship by practical example and through specially prepared leaflets on this subject.

5. That closer attention be given to the practical work of the Fourth Vice Presidents, and leaflets be prepared for the instruction and development of the children on lines of social service.

6. That an attractive *Yearbook* be prepared for the Children's Department.

7. That the educational work of the children be carried on through the *Yearbook*, leaflets, story hour, and *Young Christian Worker*. In addition, we would recommend the use of *Everyland*, that splendid missionary periodical for children.

8. That the pledge in the Children's Department be \$25,000; that it be directed according to the recommendations of the Committee on Extension of Work: In the Foreign Department, to the Girls' School in Rio de Janeiro; in the Home Department, to primary work at Brevard School and Ruth Hargrove Institute, and the juvenile work on the Pacific Coast; and in the Baby Division to West Tampa work.

9. That a place and program be arranged for the children in the Week of Prayer.

10. That at each district and annual meeting or institute an hour be given to the work of the Junior Division.

11. That the following items taken from the committee report on children's work for 1912 be made standing rules: (a) That auxiliary First Vice Presidents seek the closest affiliation with the Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues where such exist. (b) That the alternative constitution adopted by the Epworth League Board be used where Junior Leagues are already organized, with the suggestion that auxiliary First Vice Presidents become, where possible, managers of the Missionary Department.

MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT, *Chairman*;

MRS. P. C. ARCHER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The Committee on Young People's Work submits the following report:

Whereas the following recommendations taken from the report of the Committee on Young People's Work of 1912 have been tested and have proved useful, we recommend that they be made standing rules for the conduct of the young people's work:

1. That wherever there are as many as six young people in any Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. That all organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. That our young people be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.

4. That Good Friday be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and the foreign field.

5. That a Standing Committee on Young People's Work, consisting of five members, be appointed.

We further recommend:

1. That the educational work for young people be carried on through the leaflets, *Yearbook*, and mission study courses prepared for adults and young people, the *Bulletin*, and the *Missionary Voice*.

2. That the Young People's specials for 1913 be \$15,000 for McTyeire School, in the Foreign Department, and \$5,000 for Laredo, in the Home Department.

3. That explanatory literature in regard to the specials be prepared at once and mailed to all young people's auxiliaries.

4. That every Conference be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational address on "Young People's Missionary Work."

5. That every Conference Second Vice President be urged to make an itineration of her Conference each year, giving an hour of practical in-

stitute work at each district meeting and organizing Young People's Missionary Societies wherever possible.

6. That Conference Second Vice Presidents attend Epworth League conventions and summer assemblies and keep in touch as far as possible with volunteers.

7. That one afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the adult auxiliaries be given to the young people,

8. That, in accordance with the points of agreement as determined between the Young Women's Christian Association Student Secretaries and Church Secretaries of Student Work, we ask for the election of some one person in every missionary society in the towns where colleges or State schools are located, whose business it shall be to assist in carrying out the plans of the Council with regard to the college young people.

9. That October be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

10. That an effort be made to induce our Church schools to include in their regular curriculum mission study classes.

11. That the General Board of Education be petitioned to incorporate in the statistical report blank sent out to all of the educational institutions of the Church the query, "How many students in mission study classes?"

Points of agreement as determined at the Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association College Secretaries and Church Secretaries dealing with college work:

1. Every Board is urged to appoint or elect some Secretary or Superintendent whose duty it shall be to cultivate the young people of the schools and colleges for the missionary work of that denomination. A few missionary organizations are already doing this through a College Secretary, Student Secretary, Candidate Secretary, or Educational Secretary.

2. Every Board is urged to ask for the election of some one person in every missionary society in the towns where colleges or State schools are located, whose business it shall be to assist in carrying out the plans of that Board with regard to the college young people.

3. The cultivation of the young people in the colleges should be undertaken along the following lines:

(a) Suitable programs for the study of denominational work. For such programs literature should be furnished by the Board, and outlines or suggestions should be made by the College Secretary. In denominational schools these programs should be held monthly, and the general order of procedure for that meeting should be in line with the organized work of young people. In State or undenominational schools programs for the study of denominational work should be held by groups at least quarterly.

(b) The funds raised by the Missionary Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association in denominational schools should go to

the support of the denominational work, according to the plans of the woman's missionary society of that denomination. In foundation schools there should be a division of funds between the Young Women's Christian Association foreign work and the Church work of those denominations having any considerable group of students in the school. In State schools the missionary funds should be used primarily for the Young Women's Christian Association foreign work, though it is understood that Church Secretaries may rightfully urge their own denominational groups to give to the Church missionary work. When such gifts are made, they should be included in the missionary budget of the Association, though they are sent through the regular channels of the Church.

(c) Through summer conferences and State sectional student conferences. Mission Boards are urged to send representatives wherever possible to these meetings. A period on the programs of such conventions shall be given for the discussion of these plans of correlation. Opportunity will also be given on the program for the presentation of lines of Church work. Denominational group meetings will be held, where the Secretary will have ample opportunity to teach the young women of her Church. Time will be arranged on the schedule each day for interviews and personal work.

(d) Through suitable reports made to the Secretary in charge of college work, these reports to be brought in the usual manner before the organization.

It is understood that the Young Women's Christian Association Secretaries stand ready to promote the plans for closer correlation of their work with that of the Church, and in so far as these suggestions may be adopted or approved by the Boards they will seek to carry out the same.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Educational Institutions, recommend the following:

1. The authorization of the Sue Bennett Memorial School to the General Board of Education as an A-grade academy.

2. That the matter of internal government in our mission schools in all questions of minor importance be referred to the principal of the school.

3. That the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department be instructed to instruct the principals of each educational institution under the control of the Home Department to remit to the Treasurer of the Council once each quarter a full statement of all fees collected from the student body for the quarter, together with draft to balance the statement.

4. The election of the following officers of schools under the control of the Home Department: Arthur W. Mohn, Principal of Ruth Hargrove Institute; Mrs. O. M. Abbott, Principal of Virginia K. Johnson Home and School; Prof. E. E. Bishop, Principal of Vashti Industrial School; Rev. William and Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton, Superintendents of Pacific Coast Missions and Schools; Effie A. West, Dean of Paine College Annex; C. H. Trowbridge, Principal of Brevard Institute; Lotie M. Adams, Principal of Wolff Mission School; Emelina Valdez, Principal of West Tampa (Fla.) Mission; J. C. Lewis, Principal of Sue Bennett Memorial School; Miss Tina Tucker, evangelist to the schools and missions of the Home Department; Miss Mabel Howell, Professor of Sociology in Scarritt Bible and Training School; Miss Haskin, teacher of Religious and Social Service in the Methodist Training School.

MRS. W. H. McCLURE, *Chairman*;

MISS MARY N. MOORE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on Candidates begs leave to report that whereas the missionaries to foreign service reach their respective fields without adequate knowledge of the history, religions, and customs of the people to whom they are sent, owing to the fact that they have not had specific training for work in that particular field of labor; and whereas the present custom of appointment only two months previous to the end of the course of training gives them no opportunity for especially acquainting themselves with the field of labor to which they have been assigned for life, we therefore recommend that candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee brings to you thirteen young women who, having met all requirements, will receive certificates of graduation from their respective Bible and Training Schools at the close of the present sessions. It is with pardonable pride that we present to you this strong, earnest, well-equipped class. They take first rank among those whom you have accepted and who now represent you in the distant fields occupied by the Council.

Your committee has rejoiced in the thorough preparation of body, brain, and heart as shown in the papers submitted; but as we have faced the fact that in some fields every one of the thirteen is needed and in others we might place half the force, we are constrained to send

out the call to young women throughout our borders: "The Master is come, and calleth for thee."

With a stern realization of the unmet need, but in gratitude for the lives to-day offered, and in faith and hope that many more will respond to the call, we submit the following for acceptance and appointment:

CHINA.

Miss Bertha Attaway, Gray Court, S. C., South Carolina Conference.
 Dr. Hattie Love, Sweetwater, Tenn., Holston Conference.
 Miss Lela Bliler, Kansas City, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference.
 Miss Caroline Hedstrom, Montclair, N. J.
 Miss Laura Mitchell, Arcadia, Fla., Florida Conference.
 Miss May Hixson, Shanghai, China.

BRAZIL.

Miss Blanche Webb, Chattanooga, Tenn., Holston Conference.
 Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Huntsville, Ala., North Alabama Conference.

KOREA.

Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Comanche, Tex., Central Texas Conference.
 Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul, Korea, South Georgia Conference.
 Miss Bessie Hardie, Seoul, Korea, South Georgia Conference.

MEXICO.

Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va., Virginia Conference.
 Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango, Mexico.

CUBA.

Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex., Central Texas Conference.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL,
 MRS. W. F. BARNUM.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSFERS.

Whereas in the growth and development that have taken place in the two departments of work it has become necessary that provision be made whereby workers may be transferred from one department to the other when occasion demands, therefore your Special Committee on Transfers recommends that any transfer deemed necessary be made at the discretion of the Committee on Candidates for Foreign Work and the Committee on Deaconess and City Missionaries, the committees acting jointly.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL,
 MRS. F. F. STEPHENS,
 MISS MARY N. MOORE.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommends:

1. That By-Law 1, page 423 of the Annual Report, be amended to read: "The President shall preside at the sessions and actively advance the interest of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall be *ex-officio* member of all committees. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside."

2. That By-Law 2, page 423, be amended to read:

"The First Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.

"The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.

"The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.

"The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base."

3. That By-Law 3, page 423, be amended to read: "The Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council shall execute the will of the Council in the administration of the affairs of their respective departments. They shall furnish the Council officers and Conference Secretaries with all needful information. They shall make quarterly and annual reports, acquaint themselves with the conditions, needs, and opportunities of mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the Church. They shall sign all orders on the treasury and attend to the legal business of their respective departments."

4. The Educational Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council shall promote Bible study and mission study, and shall plan institutes, missionary rallies, and social meetings. She shall, with the Secretary of the Home Base, prepare exhibits for public meetings and auxiliaries. She shall promote missionary education through summer conferences and in our colleges, Church and State schools. She shall attend Conference, district, and other special meetings when practicable.

5. That the following shall be substituted for By-Law 5, page 423: "The Editorial Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council shall edit the missionary periodicals of the Council, and shall have editorial supervision of all leaflets and other publications of the Council. She shall sign all orders for the printing of leaflets and other publications."

6. That By-Law 8, page 423, shall become By-Law 6, and shall be amended to read: "The Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall

furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Secretary of the Home Base."

7. That By-Law 7, page 423, be stricken out and the following substituted: "The Corresponding Secretaries, the Educational and Editorial Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be nominated as Secretaries of the Board of Missions, and the Treasurer shall be nominated as the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions."

8. That a new By-Law to be numbered 8 shall be made to read: "The Secretary of the Home Base shall conduct the correspondence with the Conference Secretaries of both Home and Foreign Departments. She shall receive from them reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall have charge of the distribution of all literature and supplies necessary for the conduct of the work in the Conferences. She shall, with the Managers and with the Educational and Field Secretaries, plan for itineraries, Conference and special meetings, and in all other practical ways strengthen the home base."

9. That By-Law 6 shall be numbered 9 and amended to read: "There shall be one or more Field Secretaries, who shall advance the interests of the work by travel and as otherwise directed by the Council. They shall make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Home Base."

10. That By-Law 7, page 423, shall be numbered 10 and amended to read: "The Recording Secretaries shall give notice of all sessions of the Council, and shall keep the minutes of the session in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President of the Woman's Missionary Council. They shall also give notice of the mid-year meetings of the Executive Committee. They shall prepare a condensed report of called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee to be presented to the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council."

11. That a new by-law to be numbered 12 shall be made to read: "There shall be a Bureau of Publicity in charge of a Superintendent."

12. That a new by-law to be numbered 13 shall be made to read: "There shall be a Bureau of Supplies for the purpose of sending boxes of necessary supplies to the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to institutions under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Council, to the training schools, and to institutions supported by Conference Societies. This Bureau shall be in charge of a Superintendent."

13. That a new by-law to be numbered 14 shall be made to read: "Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which require special supervision."

14. That By-Law 9, page 424, shall be numbered 11 and amended to read: "The ten women Managers of the Board of Missions shall be managers of the Woman's Missionary Council. There shall be six Managers in charge of the Eastern, Southeastern, Central, Southern, Western, and Southwestern Divisions, who shall extend the work of the Woman's Missionary Council by attending district and other meetings when practicable."

15. That By-Law 10, page 424, be amended by making it By-Law 15 and by adding "Superintendents of Bureaus" after "Managers," as follows: "When vacancies among officers, Managers, or Superintendents of Bureaus occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council."

16. That under the heading "Executive Committee" there shall be Items 1, 2, 3. Item 1 shall read: "The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council shall consist of its officers and managers, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to prepare for the annual session of the Council and to attend to any other necessary business." Item 2: "The Executive Committee shall nominate the regular committees for the annual session." Item 3: "The business of the Council in the interim of the annual session shall be conducted by the members of the Executive Committee resident in Nashville, five of whom shall constitute a quorum."

17. That under the heading "Estimates and Expenses," page 424, there shall be Items 1, 2, 3. Item 1 shall read: "The appropriations, based upon the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Estimates, shall be made at the annual session of the Council for the maintenance of the work, for the expense of administration for the ensuing year, and for a contingent fund to meet emergencies that may arise in any field."

18. That under the heading "Restrictions," page 425, there shall be Items 1 and 2, the figure "1" being substituted for "17," and "2" for "18."

19. That under the head "Standing Committees," page 425, there shall be Items 1 and 2, amended as follows:

"(1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the best conduct of the business of the Council. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

"(2) Standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium."

20. That under the heading "Committee on Itineration," page 425, the following shall be substituted for Item 1:

"(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Itineration, which shall consist of the Corresponding Secretaries, Educational Secretary, Editorial Secretary, Field Secretary, and Secretary of the Home Base.

"(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for helpers received by the Secretary of the Home Base."

21. That in Article III., page 426, the heading shall be amended to read: "Committee on Applicants for Scholarships." That Item 1 shall be amended to read: "The Committee on Applicants for Scholarships shall consist of five members, who shall be the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments, one representative from each of the training schools, and a member of the Woman's Missionary Council resident in Nashville." Item 2 shall be amended to read: "An applicant for scholarship must present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives, who shall refer them to the

Conference Executive Committee, one of whom must seek a personal acquaintance with the applicant before her papers are forwarded to the committee at Nashville. When approved, the papers of the applicants shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the department to which application is made. It shall be the duty of this Committee on Applicants for Scholarships to examine the papers of the candidates, and to indorse them before recommending them to the principals of the training schools for instructions."

22. That the following be substituted for Article V., page 426:

"Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

"The Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall consist of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department, the Secretary of the Home Base, the Educational Secretary, the Editorial Secretary, the Field Secretary, the Treasurer, a representative from each of the training schools, two managers, and three members from the Woman's Missionary Council at large.

"(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon all applications from those who are deaconesses and home mission candidates. It shall arrange for the consecration of deaconesses and for annual appointments and any *ad interim* transfers of deaconesses and missionaries.

"(3) Applications for deaconesses and home missionaries or for change of workers shall be submitted to this committee through the Secretary of the Home Department.

"(4) Quarterly reports from the deaconesses and home missionaries and from city mission boards and other agencies employing deaconesses and home missionaries shall be kept on file in the office of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department.

"(5) This committee shall make a full report of the deaconess work at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which shall be incorporated in the printed report of the Council.

"(6) It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, and to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

"(7) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no city boards of missions, and where conditions are encouraging the same shall be reported to the Council in annual session or Executive Committee meeting. If authorized, the committee shall aid in organization of a city board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis."

23. That under the heading "Committee on Constitution and By-Laws," page 427, the following shall be substituted for Article VI.:

"(1) There shall be a Committee on By-Laws, which shall consist of the President, the two Corresponding Secretaries, the Editorial Secre-

tary, the Secretary of the Home Base, and three members from the Council at large.

"(2) To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any Constitution or By-Law of the Woman's Missionary Council not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments, with its recommendations, to the members of the Council before the session of the Council."

24. That Article VII., page 428, be amended by adding the following:

"(3) That the amount and character of the general supply of literature shall be determined by the Committee on Literature at its annual *ad interim* meeting. The Secretaries, in conference with the Editorial Secretary, shall determine the literature needed for their work in the interim."

25. That By-Law 3, page 429, be amended by substituting the word "ballot" for "acclamation."

26. That By-Law 13, page 430, be amended to read:

"The District Secretaries shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference, and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be their duty to do all in their power to obtain subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*."

27. That Item 18, page 430, be stricken out, and that Item 6, page 431, be amended to read: "The auxiliary shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held."

28. That By-Law 2, page 431, be amended to read:

"The First Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall send a quarterly report to the First Vice President of the Conference.

"The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

"The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Third Vice President of the Conference.

"The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference."

29. That By-Law 5, page 432, be amended by substituting the word "Secretaries" for "Secretary."

30. That By-Law 2, page 433, be amended to read:

"The Second Vice President shall keep in touch with the Second Vice President of the Conference and report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

"The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible Study, and make quarterly reports to the Third Vice President of the Conference.

"The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work. She shall send a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference."

31. That By-Law 3, page 433, be amended to read: "The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary, and shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom they shall also send annually the names and addresses of their officers."

32. That By-Law 5, page 433, be amended to read: "The Treasurers shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a book account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter."

33. That Item 1 of "Junior Division," page 434, be amended by inserting the word "monthly" after the word "stated," making it read: "A stated monthly offering to missions."

34. That By-Law 2, page 434, be amended to read:

"The First Vice President shall help in the work of the Baby Division, and shall make quarterly reports to the First Vice President of the Conference.

"The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study, and shall make quarterly reports to the Third Vice President of the Conference."

The Fourth Vice President shall have charge of the social service and local work of the children. She shall make a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference.

35. That By-Law 3, page 435, be amended to read: "The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and make quarterly reports to the District Secretaries, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers."

36. That By-Law 5, page 435, be amended to read: "The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a book account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly."

37. That the phrase "Superintendent of Publicity Bureau" shall be substituted for "Press Superintendent" in Article VII., Item 1, page 428;

By-Law 3, page 428; By-Law 6, page 432; Item 3, under "Constitution for Woman's Home Mission Societies," page 435; Item 3, under "Constitution for Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies," page 437.

38. That the word "auxiliary" be substituted for the word "society," and "auxiliaries" for "societies" in heading, page 431; Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, under "Constitution for Auxiliaries," page 431; By-Law 1, page 431; By-Laws 3, 5, 6, page 432; Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, under "Constitution for Young People," page 432; By-Laws 1, 3, page 433.

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. A. L. MARSHALL, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

REPORT No. 1.

Whereas the number of laws passed by this body from year to year has become so large that it is now necessary to take some means to prevent overlapping, conflicting, or unnecessary legislation, your Committee on Laws recommends:

1. That this body adopt the classification of its laws according to permanence under the three heads—viz.: (a) Special Rules, (b) Standing Rules, (c) By-Laws.

2. That these terms be defined as follows: (a) A rule made for one year, or expiring with the emergency which called it into being, shall be known as a special rule. (b) A special rule which, by a majority vote of the body, is made permanent shall be known as a standing rule. A standing rule shall remain in force until amended or rescinded. (c) A by-law is a law created by the body that is as binding on all the body and its agencies as is the Constitution. Being created by the body, it may be rescinded at the will of the body.

3. That the Standing Rules be further classified according to subject matter and printed under the proper headings in a special section of the Annual Report of the Council.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas the Council has adopted a classification of laws; and whereas the number of these laws will change from year to year; and whereas it is essential that they shall be kept according to the classification adopted, we recommend:

1. That at each annual session of the Council a Session Committee on Laws of five shall be appointed.

2. That it shall be the duty of this committee to be alert and watchful of all proposed legislation to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting and unnecessary legislation.

3. That it shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use under the proper headings in the Annual Report a copy of all Standing Rules.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. F. BARNUM, *Secretary*.

LIST OF BOOKS FOR CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

- China*.—"The Beautiful Gem," Watkins, 50 cents; "The Chinese Revolution," Brown, 50 cents; "The Days of June," White, 50 cents; "Pastor Hsi," Taylor, \$1.
- Japan*.—"Joseph Hardy Neesima," Davis, \$1; "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," DeForrest, 50 cents; "Child Labor in Japan," Ayrton, 50 cents.
- India*.—"The Revolt of Sundarama," Elmore, \$1; "The Little Green God," Mason, 75 cents.
- Korea*.—"Kim Su Bang," Wagner, 50 cents; "Pokjumie," Wagner, 50 cents; "Korea in Transition," Gale, 50 cents; "Village Life in Korea," Moose, \$1.
- Mexico*.—"A New Era in Old Mexico," Winton, \$1; "A Mexican Ranch," Duggan, \$1.25.
- Africa*.—"Uganda's White Man of Work," Fahs, 50 cents; "Life of David Livingstone," Blaikie, \$1.50.
- Brazil*.—"South America and Its Problems," Speer, 75 cents; "The Bible in Brazil," Tucker, \$1.25.
- Cuba*.—"Advance in the Antilles," Crose, 50 cents.
- Immigration*.—"My Country," Antin, \$1.50; "The Immigrant Tide," Steiner, \$1.50; "The Making of an American," Riis, \$1.50; "Immigrant Races in North America," Roberts, 50 cents.
- City*.—"In Bethany House," Smith, \$1.25; "My Mamie Rose," Kildare, 60 cents; "The Challenge of the City," Strong, 50 cents; "Jenks' Inside," Hobson, \$1.
- Social Service*.—"Christianity and the Social Crisis," Rauschenbusch, 60 cents (postpaid); "John Marvel, Assistant," Page, \$1.35.
- Mountain*.—"In the Nantahalas," Townsend, \$1.
- Western Life*.—"The Frontier," Platt, 50 cents; "Heroes of the Cross in America," Sheldon, 50 cents; "The Wingtown Parson's Linen Duster," Hopkins, 30 cents.
- Negro*.—"From Darkness to Light," Helm, 50 cents; "The Negro, the Southerner's Problem," Page, \$1.25.
- Labor Problems*.—"Women in Industry," Abbott, \$2; "The Long Day," A Working Girl, \$1.30; "Through the Mill," Priddy, \$1.35.
- Mining*.—"Those Black Diamond Men," Gibbons, \$1.35; "A Year in a Coal Mine," Husband, \$1.10.
- White Slave Traffic*.—"A New Conscience and an Ancient Evil," Addams, \$1.25; "The Girl That Disappears," Bingham, \$1.
- Indian*.—"The Indians of the Southwest," George A. Dorsey, 50 cents; "Ramona," Jackson, \$1.35.

General.—"The Religions of the Mission Fields" (different authors), 50 cents; "The Pastor and Modern Missions," Mott, \$1; "The Missionary and His Critic," Barton, \$1; "The Unfinished Task," Barton, 50 cents; "Stewardship and Missions," Cook, 50 cents; "Princely Men in the Heavenly Kingdom," Beach, 50 cents; "The Moslem World," Zwemer, 50 cents; "The Problem of the Present South," Murphy, 60 cents; "The Conservation of National Ideals," 50 cents; "Missions and Social Progress," Dennis, 50 cents.

NOTE.—For all 50-cent books 7 cents should be included for postage.

PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, THAT BEAR ON THE WOMAN'S WORK.

The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall hereafter be conducted under the following provisions and regulations:

Board.

ARTICLE I. There shall be a Board of Missions, which shall have charge of foreign missions and of such missions as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under two departments—viz., the Department of Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions.

Officers and
Managers.

ART. II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, a General Secretary, two Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions, two Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions, two Educational Secretaries, two Editorial Secretaries (one of these Secretaries in each instance shall be a woman), and thirty Managers, of whom ten shall be preachers, ten laymen, and ten women (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council); the Bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and an Assistant Treasurer (who shall be a woman); the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and the President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement shall be *ex officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference, as follows: The President, Vice President, and Managers on nomination of the Committee on Missions; the General Secretary by ballot at the time of the election of other connectional officers; the members elected to continue in office until their successors are chosen. The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur. The Secretaries for Foreign Missions, the Secretaries for Home Missions, the Educational Secretaries, the Editorial Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on the nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council. The officers and members shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Location.

ART. III. The Board shall be located in the city of Nashville, Tenn.; but its annual meeting may be held in such place and at such time as the Board shall determine.

ART. IV. The Board shall have authority to regulate its Authority. own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to establish missions; to build churches and residences for missionaries, and to build and maintain hospitals and schools; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for its work at home and abroad; to aid in the establishment and support of training schools for Christian workers, for native converts and preachers, and to coöperate with other Churches in the establishment and support of such schools wherever it may be practicable; to decide the lines of work to be committed to the Woman's Missionary Council and the amount of money to be used in the same; to make provision for the missionary education of the Church; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to provide funds, and to appropriate the same, for the maintenance of all the work under its care. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it and the amount appropriated and paid to each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations, including the location and value of property held by the Board.

ART. V. The General Secretary shall have direction and oversight of all the affairs of the Board, and shall be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policies and for the administration of its funds in all departments. He shall preside at a conference of all the Secretaries of the Board to be held monthly for the consideration of the interests under their care. This conference, with the addition of three members of the Board (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council) to be appointed annually by the President, shall hold a session prior to the annual meeting of the Board to consider the work and needs in the different fields, the number of persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of each missionary and for the necessary expenses of the Board, submitting a full report of the same to the Board in annual session.

ART. VI. The Department of Foreign Missions shall administer all the missions of the Church in foreign lands and the funds appropriated for the same, and shall supervise the work of foreign missionaries on the field, who shall be subject to appointment by the bishop in charge. This work shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions.

- Home Department and Duty of Secretaries.** ART. VII. The Department of Home Missions shall administer the home mission enterprises of the Church, provided the Annual Conference Board shall have charge of all the missions they may establish and provide for within their bounds. Candidates for mission work under this department shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service. When accepted, such candidates shall be nominated for appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed as forbidding Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of this department. The work of this department shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions.
- Educational Secretaries.** ART. VIII. The Educational Secretaries shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church, with special reference to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the schools and colleges of the Church, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church.
- Editorial Secretaries.** ART. IX. The Editorial Secretaries shall edit the missionary periodicals of the Church, and shall have editorial supervision of all other missionary literature.
- Residence and Salaries of Secretaries.** ART. X. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tenn. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the annual report, and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church paper, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions; and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed.
- Annual Meeting.** ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences.
- Quorum.** ART. XII. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting of the Board, and nine at a called meeting.
- Executive Committee.** ART. XIII. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members (three of whom shall

be women), which shall meet quarterly and hear reports from the fields, consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, excepting such questions as they may deem necessary to refer to the Board. This committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings to be reviewed by the Board.

ART. XIV. The Board shall employ only effective mis-^{Missionaries.} sionaries for its work, and shall require each one to make a quarterly report to the Secretaries concerning the state and prospects of the work in charge.

ART. XV. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from ^{Sources of} apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual ^{Revenue.} Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them or hereafter to be inaugurated under these provisions; from the Sunday school and Epworth League; from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and the bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies.

ART. XVI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in safe de-^{Treasurers'} posit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to ^{Duties and} the drafts of one of the Secretaries designated by the Board, ^{Salaries.} payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer and of the Assistant Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by an expert accountant, and a report of the same made to the Board.

ART. XVII. The Board shall conduct the Methodist Train-^{Training} ing School at Nashville, Tennessee, and the Scarritt Bible ^{Schools.} and Training School at Kansas City, Missouri (the latter is an institution chartered under the laws of the State of Missouri), for the purpose of training home and foreign missionaries and other Church workers. It shall conduct the Methodist Training School in affiliation with the Vanderbilt University, and shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members, provided that these shall include two bishops, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Dean of the Vanderbilt Biblical Department, the Secretary of Education, the Editor of Sunday School Literature, the

Secretary of the Epworth League Board, and at least three laymen; it shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a President of the school, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Directors; and shall appropriate annually for the maintenance of the school such sums as it may deem necessary, and take such other steps as may be required for its proper management. The Board of Directors shall meet as soon after its election as practicable upon the call of the General Missionary Secretary, and elect from its own members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Five members being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall elect the faculty, supervise the work of the school, and do all things necessary for the successful development of the institution.

Treasurer of
Conference
Board.

ART. XXVI. The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions shall give bond in such sum as the Board may require, said bond to be approved by the executive officers of the Board. He shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions on the first day of each month all the moneys he may have on hand for foreign missions, including amounts contributed by the Sunday schools, a separate account of which shall be kept. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board. The Annual Conference Treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Societies shall transmit quarterly to the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions all the moneys they may have on hand for the general missionary fund.

Duty of Pre-
siding Elder.

ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to see that they hold missionary mass meetings; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

Duty of the
Preacher in
Charge.

ART. XXVIII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on the subject of missions, to organize a Missionary Committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every Church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that each Sunday school is organized as a missionary society,

and that at least one monthly collection shall go to missions; to see that each League holds a monthly meeting and studies the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature, and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world; and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable.

ART. XXIX. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall conduct missionary work through an organization to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council, having a Home and a Foreign Department. It shall develop missionary work among women and children in accordance with the policy of the Board of Missions. This Council shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, two Recording Secretaries, and the Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of both the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies of each Annual Conference. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Assistant Treasurer, and the women who are members of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Missionary Council. The Council shall hold annual meetings to hear reports of the work in all fields, receive appropriations and plans from the Board of Missions, to arrange the details of the appropriations, and to consecrate the women who are accepted for service. The Council shall also plan to enlarge the membership of these societies, to increase the collections, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children. At the annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot and nominate the women who are to be officers and members of the Board of Missions. The Council shall make its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for Conference and Auxiliary Societies in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions.

Woman's
Missionary
Council.

ART. XXX. The work of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be carried on through Conference and Auxiliary Societies under the Home and Foreign Departments. Its revenue shall be derived from membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society; provided that 50 per cent of the regular dues in the Woman's Home Mission Societies shall be directed by the Conference Society in which it is raised, subject to the approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Auxiliary
Societies.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

- President.** 1. The President shall preside at the sessions and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall be *ex officio* member of all committees. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.
- Vice Presidents.** 2. The First Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.
- The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.
- The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.
- The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base.
- Corresponding Secretaries.** 3. The Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council shall execute the will of the Council in the administration of the affairs of their respective departments. They shall furnish the Council officers and Conference Secretaries with all needful information. They shall make quarterly and annual reports, acquaint themselves with the conditions, needs, and opportunities of mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the Church. They shall sign all orders on the treasury and attend to the legal business of their respective departments.
- Educational Secretary.** 4. The Educational Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council shall promote Bible study and mission study and shall plan institutes, missionary rallies, and social meetings. She shall, with the Secretary of the Home Base, prepare exhibits for public meetings and auxiliaries. She shall promote missionary education through summer conferences and in our colleges, Church, and State schools. She shall attend Conference, district, and other special meetings whenever practicable.
- Editorial Secretary.** 5. The Editorial Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council shall edit the missionary periodicals of the Council and shall have editorial supervision of all leaflets and other publications of the Council. She shall sign all orders for the printing of leaflets and other publications.

6. The Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council Treasurer. shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her, as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Secretary of the Home Base.

7. The Corresponding Secretaries, the Educational and Officers. Editorial Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be nominated as Secretaries of the Board of Missions, and the Treasurer shall be nominated as the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

8. The Secretary of the Home Base shall conduct the cor- Secretary of the Home Base. respondence with the Conference Secretaries of both Home and Foreign Departments. She shall receive from them reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall have charge of the distribution of all literature and supplies necessary for the conduct of the work in the Conferences. She shall, with the managers and with the Educational and Field Secretaries, plan for itineraries, Conference and special meetings, and in all other practical ways strengthen the Home Base.

9. There shall be one or more Field Secretaries, who shall advance the interest of the work by travel and as otherwise directed by the Council. They shall make quarterly reports to the Secretary of the Home Base. Field Secretaries.

10. The Recording Secretaries shall give notice of all ses- Recording Secretaries. sions of the Council and shall keep the minutes of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President of the Woman's Missionary Council. They shall also give notice of the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee. They shall prepare a condensed report of called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee sessions to be presented to the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

11. The ten women Managers of the Board of Missions Managers. shall be Managers of the Woman's Missionary Council. There shall be six Managers in charge of the Eastern, South-eastern, Central, Southern, Western, Southwestern Divisions, who shall extend the work of the Woman's Missionary Council by attending district and other meetings when practicable.

12. There shall be a Bureau of Publicity in charge of a Bureaus. Superintendent.

13. There shall be a Bureau of Supplies for the purpose of sending boxes or necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to institutions under

the direction of the Woman's Missionary Council, to the training schools, and to institutions supported by Conference Societies. This Bureau shall be in charge of a Superintendent.

14. Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which require special supervision.

Supply of
Vacancies.

15. When vacancies among officers, managers, or Superintendents of Bureaus occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council.

16. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council shall consist of its officers and Managers, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to prepare for the annual session of the Council and to attend to any other necessary business.

(2) The Executive Committee shall nominate the regular committees for the annual session.

(3) The business of the Council, in the interim of the annual session, shall be conducted by the members of the Executive Committee resident in Nashville, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

17. ESTIMATES AND EXPENSES.

(1) The appropriations based upon the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Estimates shall be made at the annual session for the maintenance of the work, for the expense of administration for the ensuing year, and for a contingent fund to meet emergencies that may arise in any field.

(2) Appropriations for one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources, except annuities, bequests, devises, and sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, the traveling expenses of officers, managers, Superintendents of Bureaus, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers to the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

18. RESTRICTIONS.

(1) No new work shall be projected, and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated, except at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(2) No person shall solicit gifts for an object not authorized by the Council.

19. STANDING COMMITTEES.

(1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the best conduct of the business of the Council. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

(2) Standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium.

Committee on Educational Institutions.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Educational Institutions of nine members, who shall be the President, the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Mission Departments, three members from the Executive Committee of the Council, and three from the Council at large. Educational Institutions.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Council, and to report the same to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

(3) To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, the principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the schools for the ensuing year.

(4) The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the members of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council resident in Nashville.

(5) It shall be the duty of some member of this committee to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and to become acquainted with their internal management.

Committee on Itineration.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Itineration, which shall consist of the Corresponding Secretaries, the Secretary of the Home Base, and the Educational, Editorial, and Field Secretaries. Itineration.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for helpers received by the Secretary of the Home Base.

*Committee on Applicants for Scholarships.*Applicants for
Scholarships.

(1) The Committee on Applicants for Scholarships shall consist of five members, who shall be Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments, one representative from each of the training schools, and a member of the Woman's Missionary Council resident in Nashville.

(2) An applicant for scholarship must present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives, who shall refer them to the Conference Executive Committee, one of whom must seek a personal acquaintance with the applicant before her papers are forwarded to the committee at Nashville. When approved, the papers of the applicants shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the department to which application is made. It shall be the duty of this Committee on Applicants for Scholarships to examine the papers of candidates and to indorse them before recommending them to the principals of the training schools for instruction.

*Committee on Candidates for Mission Work.*Candidates for
Mission
Work.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates for Mission Work of seven members, who shall be the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Home Departments, one representative from each of the training schools, a member of the Council resident in Nashville, and two from the Woman's Missionary Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the testimonials of candidates who have been indorsed by the faculty of the training schools they have attended. If in the judgment of the committee the candidates meet the requirements, the papers shall be referred with recommendation to the Committee on Missionary Candidates appointed by the Board and to the Committee on Candidates elected by the Woman's Missionary Council to serve during the annual session.

*Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.*Deaconess
Work and
City Mis-
sions.

(1) The Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall consist of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department, the Secretary of the Home Base, the Educational Secretary, the Editorial Secretary, the Field Secretary, the Treasurer, a representative from each of the training schools, two managers, and three members from the Woman's Missionary Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon

all applications from deaconesses and home mission candidates. It shall arrange for the consecration of deaconesses and for annual appointments and any *ad interim* transfers of deaconesses and missionaries.

(3) Applications for deaconesses and home missionaries or for change of workers shall be submitted to this committee through the Secretary of the Home Department.

(4) Quarterly reports from the deaconesses and home missionaries and from city mission boards and other agencies employing deaconesses and home missionaries shall be kept on file in the office of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department.

(5) This committee shall make a full report of the deaconess work at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which shall be incorporated in the printed report of the Council.

(6) It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, and to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

(7) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no city boards of missions and where conditions are encouraging. The same shall be reported to the Council in annual session or Executive Committee meeting. If authorized, the committee shall aid in the organization of a city board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which shall consist of the President, the two Corresponding Secretaries, the Editorial Secretary, the Secretary of the Home Base, and three members from the Council at large.

Constitution
and By-
Laws.

(2) To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any Constitution or By-Law of the Woman's Missionary Council not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments, with its recommendations, to the members of the Council before the session of the Council.

Committee on Literature.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature of thirteen members, who shall be the Woman's Editorial

Literature.

Secretary, the Woman's Educational Secretary, the two Corresponding Secretaries, the four Vice Presidents, the Superintendent of the Publicity Bureau, two other resident members of the Executive Committee, and two members from the Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to assist the Editorial Secretary in the preparation of yearbooks, leaflets, and other literature ordered by the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) The amount and character of the general supply of literature shall be determined by the Committee on Literature at its annual *ad interim* meeting. The Secretaries, in conference with the Editorial Secretary, shall determine the literature needed for their work in the interim.

Committee on Social Service.

Social Service. There shall be a Committee on Social Service of nine members, of which the Fourth Vice President shall be the Chairman, the President and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Departments *ex officio* members, and the remaining members from the Council at large. Three shall constitute a quorum.

Committee on Estimates.

Estimates. (1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for the Home and Foreign Departments of five members for each department, the Secretary of each department, the Treasurer, and three members from the Executive Committee resident in Nashville.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to receive estimates from the fields through the Secretaries and prepare them for presentation to the annual session of the Council.

20. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR UNITED CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society with Home and Foreign Departments, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this Society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Publicity Bureau, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, one or more Recording Secretaries, one or more Treasurers. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCES.

1. The Conference officers elected by ballot shall constitute an Executive Committee to transact business in the intervals of the annual sessions. Three shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated by a committee named by the Executive Committee, composed of one or more representatives from each district. This does not debar the parliamentary privilege of nominations from the floor after the committee's report has been presented.

3. The District Secretaries and Conference Superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers, and shall be elected by ballot.

4. An alternate from each department shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. Each Conference Society shall adopt a plan for raising a fund to meet the expenses of the Conference.

6. The Conference Society shall make its appropriations in annual session from the half of the regular membership fund of the Home Department, subject to its direction. These appropriations to be contingent upon the concurrence of the Woman's Missionary Council.

7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and shall actively advance the interests of the work.

8. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

9. The First Vice President shall have charge of the children's work, and shall make a quarterly report to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work, and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship and mission study, and shall report quarterly to the Third Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop the work of social service,

and shall report quarterly to the Fourth Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

10. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. They shall use all practicable means for the organization of adult, young people's, and children's auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom they shall also send quarterly reports by the 15th day of the first month of each quarter. They shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. They shall sign all drafts on the Treasurers.

11. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

12. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keeping a book account with each auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall send itemized reports promptly on the 15th day of the first month of each quarter to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

13. The District Secretaries shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference, and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so directs, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be their duty to do all in their power to obtain subscribers to the *Missionary Voice* and *Young Christian Worker*.

14. The Conference Society may elect superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Council. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department before the 10th of the first month of each quarter and report also to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

15. Conference and auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields, nor respond to special calls for aid, without approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The regular dues of the auxiliary societies—adult, young people's, and children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

17. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

18. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

19. During the annual meetings a half-hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Any number of women may become an adult auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Conference Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided:

Constitution for Auxiliaries.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the, auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for meeting neighborhood needs.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month to either department, Home or Foreign, or twenty cents dues to both. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council. Each auxiliary may raise the amount necessary for local work.

4. Any one may become a life member of either department of the auxiliary by the payment to the general fund of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, one or more Recording Secretaries, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

6. The auxiliary shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes, and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year, and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

By-Laws for Auxiliaries.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary, and shall actively advance its interests. At her request or in her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall send a quarterly report to the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Third Vice President of the Conference.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and send to the District Secretaries full reports by the first day of each quarter. They shall also send annually to the District Secretaries and Conference Corresponding Secretaries the names and addresses of the officers of the auxiliary. They shall send their books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurers shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurers by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The auxiliary shall elect an Agent for the *Missionary Voice* and a Superintendent of the Publicity Bureau.

7. Superintendents of Bureaus shall be elected as needed.

8. The Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Agent, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

Constitution.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Auxiliary of auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States and non-Christian lands by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary

Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for the relief of neighborhood needs.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly to missions. Opportunities will be given for pledges for special work, and freewill offerings to be used as directed by donors to such objects as are authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

The membership fund shall be divided as follows: Fifty per cent to the Foreign Department, fifty per cent to the Home Department. No other funds are subject to this division.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment to the general fund of ten dollars for this specific purpose.

5. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, one or more Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, one or more Treasurers, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

6. The auxiliary shall hold at least one monthly meeting for educational and inspirational purposes, and for the transaction of business. Other meetings may be held for Bible study and the varying phases of mission work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be full reports of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work for the new year.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist the First Vice President of the adult auxiliary in superintending the Children's Department.

The Second Vice President shall keep in touch with the Second Vice President of the Conference, and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Third Vice President of the Conference.

The Fourth Vice President shall develop social service and local work and direct their study. She shall send a quarterly report to the Fourth Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary, and shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurers shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a book account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Constitution.

In this department the children shall be organized for the foreign and home mission work.

The object shall be to give them missionary education, train them for Christian service, and cultivate in them habits of liberal and systematic giving, Bible-reading, and prayer.

This department shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions under a Superintendent, who shall also be a Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with the Conference Vice President in charge of children's work. All membership funds shall be divided equally, the mite box funds divided in the proportion of sixty per cent to the Foreign and forty per cent to the Home Department.

Baby Division.

1. Any child five years of age and under may become a member of the Baby Division of the Woman's Missionary Society upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each child of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings, to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of five dollars.

2. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by an offering to missions and by the use of mite boxes in memory of the child.

3. At least once a year special meetings shall be held for the members of the Baby Division, at which time mite boxes shall be opened and a helpful program be carried out.

4. The First Vice President of the adult auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of five and fourteen years may become a member of the Junior Division of the Woman's Missionary Society by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each child of the Junior Division shall be furnished a mite box for voluntary offerings, to be opened quarterly. Any child may become a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society by the payment of five dollars to the general fund for this specific purpose.

2. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

3. The Junior Division shall meet at least once a month to follow some line of study, for which a program shall be furnished.

By-Laws.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall help in the work of the Baby Division, and shall make quarterly reports to the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall be the agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

The Third Vice President shall promote Christian stewardship, mission study, and Bible study.

The Fourth Vice President shall have charge of the social service and local work of the children.

3. The Corresponding Secretaries shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and make quarterly reports to the District Secretaries, to whom they shall send annually the names and addresses of their officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings, and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a book account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

The Constitution and By-Laws planned for the united societies so nearly meet the needs of those Home Mission Conferences and auxiliaries which do not unite that they are adopted with the following changes:

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Item 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Woman's Home Mission Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's home mission work of the Conference.

Item 3. The Conference Society shall consist of one delegate from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Publicity Bureau, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, one Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Item 4. An alternate shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 10. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. She shall use all practicable means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom she shall also send quarterly reports by the fifteenth day of the first month of each quarter. She shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. She shall sign all drafts on the Treasurer.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided:

Constitution.

Item 1. This auxiliary shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Auxiliary of the, auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Item 2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in the United States by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the country and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the maintenance of the home mission work of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions, and for meeting neighborhood needs.

Item 3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council. Each auxiliary may raise the amount necessary for local work.

Item 4. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

By-Laws for Adult Auxiliaries.

Item 5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys for the society, keep an account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts,

a duplicate of the same to be furnished the auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

Item 8. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Agents, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Constitution and By-Laws planned for the united societies so nearly meet the needs of those Foreign Mission Conferences and auxiliaries which do not unite that they are adopted with the following changes:

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Foreign Missionary Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this Society is to plan and direct the woman's foreign missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one delegate from each auxiliary, one or more District Secretaries from each district, a Superintendent of Publicity Bureau, and the following officers: A President, four Vice Presidents, one Corresponding Secretary, one Recording Secretary, one Treasurer. These officers are to be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

4. An alternate shall be elected at each annual session to attend the session of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item 6 is omitted.

10. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature. She shall use all practicable means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization to the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, to whom she shall also send quarterly reports by the fifteenth day of the first month of each quarter. She shall make to the Conference Society a report of the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council and such other reports as that body may desire. She shall sign all drafts on the Treasurer.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers therein provided.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary of the, auxiliary to Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God in non-Christian lands by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and ten cents dues per month. Opportunities shall be given for pledges and for freewill offerings, to be directed by the donors to such objects as have been authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

4. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

BY-LAWS FOR ADULT AUXILIARIES.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all money of the auxiliary, keep an account of same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer by the first day of each quarter, giving an itemized statement of the amounts, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

8. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Agents, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the monthly business meeting.

STANDING RULES GOVERNING DEACONESSSES.

Work. The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned; and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work.

Requirements. A candidate for the office of deaconess must be at least twenty-three and not more than fifty years of age. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education. She must be a single woman or widow without dependents for support or companionship.

No vows shall be required of any deaconess; but it is expected that one seeking to become a deaconess will have considered carefully the step she is taking, and, feeling called of God to do this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting herself wholly to it.

A deaconess shall be at liberty to retire from the work after three months' notice to the Woman's Missionary Council.

The deaconess candidate must have two years of preparation at a reputable training school, and, when she has finished the required course of study, must be recommended by the faculty to the Board of Missions for acceptance and consecration. She shall also have a certificate of good health from a reputable physician, and the recommendation of the pastor and the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.

1. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall present her to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate duly signed by the President, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the General Secretary of the Board of Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate shall be surrendered to the Committee on Deaconess Work, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee on Deaconess Work deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place of their service.

If a candidate for nurse-deaconess has had a course of nurse-training and can present a diploma from the hospital where she received training, and also an indorsement as to ability and adaptability for such work, together with the usual testimonials required of deaconess candidates, she shall be required to take only one year of study in a Bible training school before consecration. She must be recommended, as other deaconess candidates, by the faculty of the school where she receives her Bible-training.

A candidate for nurse-deaconess work who has not received her nurse-training shall have one year in a Bible training school before she enters on the course for nurse-training, this training to be had in a Christian hospital selected by the Committee on Deaconess Work. The course

of study in both cases described shall be arranged for and adjusted by the Secretary of the Home Department and the principal of the Bible training school in which the candidate is to study. During the whole period of training the candidate for nurse-deaconess work shall be under the control and care of the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Financial
Obligations.

2. Any one receiving training from the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leaves the work without the consent of the Council before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid by the Council. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

Recognition.

3. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Missionary Council.

Exceptions.

4. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in the training school, the Committee on Deaconess Work shall examine the candidate, and if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall recommend her to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council or at such a time and place as the Committee on Deaconess Work shall direct, and shall be granted by that Council a certificate as a regular deaconess subject to the rules governing the same.

Financial
Adjustment.

1. A deaconess shall receive a monthly stipend of \$15 in addition to her living expenses, these living expenses to include separate room, board, laundry, and car fare.

2. A deaconess not living in an institution should be allowed to handle the money necessary for her living expenses.

3. A City Board or Church employing a deaconess is required to pay her traveling expenses from the place from which she comes to them. The traveling expenses of a new worker just from the training school shall be paid from her home to the place of appointment.

4. Every deaconess shall be allowed a month's vacation, during which time she shall receive her stipend from the board or Church employing her. An additional sum of \$25 shall be paid each deaconess for vacation money.

5. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter the work after the age of forty years or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration unless because of her qualifications she is recommended by an approved training school for positions where there is special demand for the deaconess uniform.

The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the Deaconess Committee in control.

Duration of
Appointment.

When a deaconess withdraws from active work in response to family or other cause that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but no longer; if, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time she applies for readmission.

Temporary
Withdrawal.

When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn. The exact details of this uniform will be kept in printed form, and may be had from the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Uniform.

1. Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified by items under Financial Adjustment.

2. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work.

3. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

4. The Committee on Deaconess Work shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Missionary Council, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after the acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Council.

STANDING RULES GOVERNING CITY MISSIONARIES.**Require-
ments.**

1. A candidate for acceptance and appointment to city mission work must feel moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon herself the work of a home missionary. She must be at least twenty-three years of age, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recommended by the faculty of the training school where she has studied and the pastor of the Church of which she is a member. She shall also have a good health certificate from a reputable physician. The Woman's Missionary Council shall not support in training schools any young woman who is not twenty-one years of age, or appoint as city missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age. She shall be willing to accept the appointments given by the Council.

**Appoint-
ments.**

2. All appointments of missionaries made at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, or by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions during the year, shall continue until the next annual session of the Council, unless the missionary's health should fail or for good and sufficient reasons she should be released.

**Financial
Arrange-
ment.**

3. The city missionary receives a salary, the amount and terms of which are determined by the board employing her.

Reports.

4. She shall make monthly report to the City Board, and quarterly and annual reports to the Woman's Missionary Council.

LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION BOARDS.**I. COMPOSITION.**

1. In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries exist, whether in one or several Churches, they shall unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board. The auxiliaries of a presiding elder's district may also unite to form a District Board of City Missions.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from each coöperating auxiliary. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives. Further representation shall be determined by each City Mission Board. Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders are advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and

a Treasurer, and as many superintendents of departments as the work of the Board demands. These officers constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The election of officers shall take place at the January meeting of the City Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into departments, each department to be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. The work of the City Board shall be conducted through department committees, the number of such committees corresponding with the number of departments. Where a large number of Churches are represented in a City Board, a smaller committee may be chosen. The superintendents of the departments shall be chairmen of these committees.

2. These department committees shall consist of at least one member from each coöperating auxiliary. They shall be nominated by the superintendents of departments and elected by the Board in the February monthly meeting.

3. Department committees meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.

4. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

5. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the Presidents of the coöperating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The coöperating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges payable monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions who expend \$60 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department, an appropriation of ten per cent of the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

VII. BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests.

2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of

the President, and assist the President in efforts to advance the interests of the work.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended, making a monthly report of the same to the Board and a quarterly and annual report to the Board and also to the Treasurer of the Conference Home Department.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and shall make quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council, Home Department.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board, and shall give notice of all regular and called meetings. She shall keep a record of the work in permanent form.

6. The Executive Committee shall handle all questions relative to the employment or dismissal of workers, submitting their action for approval to the Board in regular or called meetings.

VIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each coöperative auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations.)

IX. REPORTS.

Monthly reports shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives. Annual reports of the work shall be made to the District and Conference Societies. Quarterly and annual reports shall be made to the Woman's Missionary Council through the Secretary of the Home Department.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be divided into two classes, according to their ability to support and conduct mission work:

Class A shall consist of Wesley Houses where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than \$100 a month for current expenses. Through the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work the Council shall have control of the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The head residents of these Wesley Houses shall be women of experience and training, and shall have full charge of the internal affairs of the home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the home shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board pays regularly not less than \$60 or as much as \$100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Wesley House, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on wherever possible or desirable in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it.

RULES FOR HOME MISSION FINANCES.

1. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B. Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing a voucher of expenditures through the hands of the Council Treasurer.

2. The Conference half of dues may be used as follows:

Item A. It may be used for Conference expenses.

Interpretation: (1) By the Conference expenses is meant traveling expenses of executive officers, Superintendents, and District Secretaries, publication of the Minutes of the Conference Society, and the distribution of literature in the Conference. (2) In a united Conference Society each department shall bear the expenses incidental to its own work. The expenses that pertain to both departments shall be equally shared, such as expense of each officer who serves both departments of work, Conference Organizers, conducting of itineraries for the joint work, public speakers at annual meetings. (3) The half of dues for the Home Department may not be used for (a) Conference expenses that can be covered by the Conference Expense Fund; (b) Salaries, summer schools, or Conferences, or culture of Conference officers.

Item B. For deaconesses and missionary scholarships.

Interpretation: By deaconess and missionary scholarships is meant those candidates that have been accepted by the Candidate Committee, not for students at secondary schools.

Item C. For connectional enterprises and other work approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.

Interpretation: By connectional enterprises and other work approved by the Woman's Missionary Council is meant the connectional work of the Home Department of the Woman's Missionary Council for which appropriations are made by the Council and for those Conference enterprises which have met with the indorsement of the Council.

Item D. For missions enterprised by the Conference Society with the approval of the Council.

Interpretation: By missions approved by the Conference Society with the approval of the Council is meant the opening of missions among foreign-born people, mill or mountain people where the Church has not sufficient backing to inaugurate and maintain those institutions.

Item E. For salaries of mission workers where communities cannot assume the same, when the workers have been approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.

Item F. For permanent investment in approved city mission enterprises.

Before such grants can be made two-thirds of the purchase price of the property or building funds must be secured and a refunding bond to the amount of the donation be required in order that these moneys will be returned to the Conference Society in the event of fire, tornado, or sale.

Item G. These grants shall be made at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

In an emergency only the Conference Executive Committee may be empowered to make grants.

Item H. A report of these grants shall be made to the General Office.

Orders for their payment shall be signed by the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each meeting shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. No member shall leave the room without the permission of the Chair.
3. Courtesies shall be limited to the ten minutes preceding the noon devotional services.
4. A motion to reconsider may be made only during the meeting in which the vote is taken or immediately following the adoption of the minutes in the next meeting.
5. The majority vote shall rule except in cases where the law of the body requires otherwise.
6. A calendar shall be used in the transaction of the business at the annual sessions of the Council.
7. The following shall be the committees to which papers requiring legislation shall be referred:
 - (1) City Missions and Deaconess Work.
 - (2) Constitution and By-Laws.
 - (3) Educational Institutions.
 - (4) Extension of Work, Foreign Department.
 - (5) Extension of Work, Home Department.
 - (6) Candidates for Foreign Department.
 - (7) Children's Work.

- (8) Young People's Work.
- (9) Social Service and Local Work.
- (10) Literature.
- (11) Nominations for Standing Committees.
- (12) Resolutions.

8. The following shall be the order of business:

- (1) Reading of the minutes.
- (2) For the first three days only, the presentation of memorials, resolutions, etc.
- (3) Reports of officers.
- (4) Reports of standing committees.
- (5) Reports of annual session committees.
- (6) Reports of special committees.
- (7) Calendar business.

CALENDAR RULES.

1. All business involving recommendations, memorials, resolutions, and other actions looking to legislation, except in reports of the Executive Committee and the standing committees, shall be referred to committees for consideration. The reports of these committees shall be placed upon the calendar in regular order when read before the body.

2. The recommendations from the Executive Committee and standing committees, when read to the body, shall go at once to the calendar.

3. All business to go before the committees must be presented to the body not later than the close of the business meeting on the third day.

4. No business shall be acted upon during the same meeting in which it is placed upon the calendar.

5. No business may be brought up out of calendar order.

6. All recommendations from officers, committees, and other papers requiring legislation shall be in duplicate when presented to the body. When the body is ready to act, the Calendar Secretary shall furnish the Recording Secretary with a copy.

7. All papers presented to the body for legislative action shall be sent to the Calendar Secretary, who shall distribute to proper committees.

8. A two-thirds vote of the body shall be required for the suspension of any of the above rules.

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